

Antidepressant medications used

PRIMARILY IN THE TREATMENT OF DEPRESSION



Expected benefits of medication:

- Improvement of depressed mood
- Increased feelings of well-being
- Decreased anxiety

NAME OF MEDICATION	DOSAGE	MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS
Prozac Sarafem FLUOXETINE	Adult minimum/maximum: 5.0 mg/80.0 mg Children ages 8–18 with depression: 10–60 mg daily	Common to all selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nausea• Decreased appetite• Weight loss or gain• Increased appetite• Dry mouth
Paxil PAROXETINE	Adult minimum/maximum: 5.0 mg/50.0 mg Controlled release: 25–75 mg Pediatric: 10–50 mg daily	Same as above
Celexa CITALOPRAM	Adult minimum/maximum: 5.0 mg/40.0 mg Pediatric: 5–40 mg depending on age group	Same as above
Lexapro ESCITALOPRAM	Adult minimum/maximum: 5.0 mg/20.0 mg Pediatric: 5–20 mg daily	Same as above
Zoloft SERTRALINE	Adult minimum/maximum: 25.0 mg/200.0 mg Pediatric: 25–200 mg daily	Same as above

NAME OF MEDICATION	DOSAGE	MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS
Wellbutrin BUPROPION	Adult minimum/maximum: 75.0 mg/450.0 mg Sustained release: 200–400 mg Extended release: 300–450 mg Pediatric: Children: 75–225 mg daily Adolescents: 150–400 mg daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agitation • Insomnia • Weight loss • Constipation • Tremors • Seizures
Effexor VENLAFAXINE IR TABLET, VENLAFAXINE ER CAPSULE	Adult minimum/maximum: 37.5 mg/225.0 mg (outpatient dose) Pediatric: 37.5–150 mg daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdominal pain and cramping • Anorexia • Anxiety • Blurred vision • Chills • Constipation or diarrhea • Dizziness • Drowsiness • Headache • Insomnia
Cymbalta DULOXETINE	Adult minimum/maximum: 20.0 mg/120.0 mg Pediatric: 40–60 mg daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry mouth • Constipation • Loss of appetite • Fatigue, drowsiness • Dizziness • Increased sweating • Blurred vision • Rash • Nausea
Pristiq DESVENLAFAXINE SUCCINATE	Adult minimum/maximum: 25 mg/400 mg Pediatric dosage not applicable for this drug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abnormal dreams • Anxiety, dizziness, fatigue, jitters • Insomnia • Blurred vision • Decreased appetite, weight loss • Diarrhea, nausea/vomiting • Dry mouth • High blood pressure/pulse
Remeron MIRTAZAPINE Remeron is primarily used for sleep	Adult minimum/maximum: 15–45 mg daily Pediatric: 15–45 mg daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abnormal dreams • Somnolence, dizziness • Constipation • Increased appetite, weight gain • Non-fasting cholesterol and triglyceride increases