

# Medications Discussed in LearningLink Chronic Pain Series

<i>Drugs by Class</i>	<i>Common Brand Names</i>	<i>FDA-approved Uses for Pain</i>	<i>Off-label Uses for Pain</i>
<b>Analgesics</b>			
Acetaminophen	Tempra, Tylenol	Mild to moderate pain	
<b>Anticonvulsants</b>			
Carbamazepine	Carbatrol, Tegretol	Trigeminal neuralgia	Postherpetic neuralgia
Gabapentin	Gabarone, Neurontin	Postherpetic neuralgia	Diabetic neuropathy and other neuropathic pain
Lamotrigine	Lamictal		Neuropathic pain
Oxcarbazepine	Trileptal		Neuropathic pain
Phenytoin	Dilantin		Neuropathic pain
Pregabalin	Lyrica	Diabetic peripheral neuropathy, postherpetic neuralgia	
Sodium valproate	Depakote, Depakene		Neuropathic pain
Topiramate	Topamax		Neuropathic pain
<b>Antidepressants</b>			
Amitriptyline	Elavil, Endep		Neuropathic pain
Desipramine	Norpramin, Pertofrane		Neuropathic pain
Duloxetine	Cymbalta	Diabetic peripheral neuropathy, postherpetic neuralgia	
Imipramine	Tofranil		Neuropathic pain
Nortriptyline	Aventyl, Pamelor		Neuropathic pain
Venlafaxine	Effexor		Neuropathic pain
<b>Benzodiazepines</b>			
Clonazepam	Klonopin		Neuropathic pain
<b>NSAIDs</b>			
Celecoxib	Celebrex	Acute pain	
Diclofenac	Cataflam, Voltaren	Mild to moderate pain	
Etodolac	Lodine	Mild to moderate acute pain	
Fenoprofen	Nalfon	Mild to moderate acute pain	
Ibuprofen	Motrin	Mild to moderate acute pain	
Indomethacin	Indocin	Mild to moderate acute pain	
Ketorolac	Toradol	Mild to moderate acute pain	
Mefenamic acid	Ponstel	Mild to moderate acute pain	
Naproxen	Anaprox, Naprosyn	Mild to moderate acute pain	

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<b>NSAIDs</b>			
Rofecoxib	Vioxx	Mild to moderate acute pain	
Sulindac	Clinoril	Acute painful shoulder	
Valdecoxib	Bextra	Withdrawn from U.S. market	
<b>Opioids</b>			
Butorphanol	Stadol	Pain	
Codeine		Mild to moderate pain	
Fentanyl patch	Duragesic	Moderate to severe chronic pain	
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid	Moderate to severe pain	
Meperidine	Demerol	Moderate to severe pain	
Methadone	Dolophine, Methadose	Severe pain	
Morphine	Duramorph, MS Contin	Moderate to severe pain	
Oxycodone	OxyContin, Roxicodone	Moderate to severe pain	
Pentazocine	Talwin	Moderate to severe pain	
Propoxyphene	Darvon	Mild to moderate pain	
Tramadol	Ultram	Moderate to moderately severe pain	
<b>Opioid/analgesic combinations</b>			
Oxycodone and acetaminophen	Endocet, Percocet	Moderate to moderately severe pain	
Hydrocodone and acetaminophen	Lortab, Vicodin	Moderate to moderately severe pain	
<b>Topicals</b>			
Lidocaine patch	Lidoderm	Anesthesia	
Capsaicin	Capsin, Zostrix	Neuropathic pain	

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