

Common Adverse Effects from Drugs Used to Treat Neuropathic Pain

Drug	Adverse Effect	Drug	Adverse Effect
Capsaicin cream	Cough Skin irritation	Pregabalin*	Dizziness Edema Somnolence Weight gain
Duloxetine	Constipation Diarrhea Fatigue Headache Nasopharyngitis Nausea Somnolence Sweating	Tramadol ⁺	Constipation Headache Nausea Somnolence
Gabapentin	Confusion Diarrhea Dizziness Headache Nausea Somnolence	Amitriptyline ^{+ #}	Constipation Dizziness Dry mouth Somnolence
Lidocaine 5% patch	Skin irritation	Venlafaxine ⁺	Anorexia Dyspepsia Flatulence Impotence Insomnia Myalgia Nausea Sinusitis Somnolence Sweating Vomiting
Opiates ⁺	Constipation Dizziness Nausea Somnolence Vomiting		

* Adverse effects were dose-related.

⁺Not FDA approved for neuropathic pain conditions.

[#]Amitriptyline chosen to represent tricyclic antidepressants.

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