

Comorbidities and Choice of Agent for Neuropathic Pain

Comorbidities	Agents to avoid
Renal insufficiency	TCAs*
Glaucoma	TCAs*
Orthostatic phenomena	TCAs*
Cardiac or ECG abnormality	TCAs*
Hypertension	TCAs*
Hepatic insufficiency	TCAs*, duloxetine
Fall or balance issues	TCAs*, gabapentin, pregabalin

ECG=Electrocardiographic; TCAs=Tricyclic antidepressants.

*Not FDA approved for neuropathic pain conditions.

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