

## Side Effects of Depression Medication

This chart can help you make of your own decisions. It does not replace the council of a doctor.

### Notes:

Every drug had *Thinking of Suicide* as a side effect.

Does not include the side effects caused by taking antidepressants with other medications. Nor does this chart look at the dangers of sudden withdrawal from these medications.

Order of symptoms:

Symptoms related to behavior, mental illness, sleep and the nervous system are listed first.

Other side effects are listed in alphabetical order, with the category *Other* listed last.

The data for this chart comes from

<http://www.webmd.com/drugs/index-drugs.aspx>

### Legend:

- ☠ Severe side effect
- ☹ Less severe side effect
- Common side effects
- Less common side effects

(No shading) Rare side effects

Related disorders are grouped together

Serious side effects I recommend you discuss these side effects with your doctor before you start taking this drug.

Very serious side effects





### Foot Notes:


























































































































































































































1. Physical symptoms, include tremor, slurred speech, akathisia, dystonia, anxiety, distress, paranoia, and bradyphrenia, that are primarily associated with improper dosing of or unusual reactions to neuroleptic (anti-psychotic) medications.
2. A disorder in which your skin and mucous membranes react severely to a medication or infection. Often, Stevens-Johnson syndrome begins with flu-like symptoms, followed by a painful red or purplish rash that spreads and blisters, eventually causing the top layer of your skin to die and shed.
3. Appears on the skin and the mucous membranes (the lining of the mouth, digestive tract, vagina, and other organs). Large, symmetrical red blotches appear all over the skin in a circular pattern. On mucous membranes, it begins as blisters and progresses to ulcers. A more advanced form, called Stevens-Johnson syndrome, can be severe and even fatal.
4. *Interstitial* Refers to the connective tissue that supports the "working parts" of an organ, in the case of the lungs the air sacs. *Pneumonitis* - inflamed lungs.
5. A life-threatening, idiosyncratic reaction to a neuroleptic medication. The syndrome is characterized by fever, muscular rigidity, altered mental status, and autonomic dysfunction.
6. A quick, involuntary muscle jerk. For example, hiccups are a form of myoclonus in a healthy person. Most often, you hear of myoclonus as a symptom of a nervous system disorder, such as epilepsy, or of a metabolic condition, or as a reaction to a medication.

From [www.the-Gospel.org](http://www.the-Gospel.org)

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<b>Affecting Behavior</b>																									
Aggressive Behavior	😞		😞			☹️		☹️		😞										😞					
Anger Toward Something, Feeling		😞		😞						☹️									😞	☹️					😞
Angered or Annoyed Easily	😞	😞	😞	😞		😞		😞		☹️									😞	☹️					😞
Behaving with Excessive Cheerfulness and Activity	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️		☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️		☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️		☹️	☹️		☹️
Feeling Restless	😞	☹️	😞	☹️	☹️	😞	☹️	😞	☹️	☹️	😞	😞	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️
Feeling Restlessness with Inability to Sit Still		☹️		☹️						☹️		🟡	☹️		☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️		🟡		☹️	☹️
Hyperactive Behavior										☹️					☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️		☹️					☹️
Suicidal	☹️		☹️																						
<b>Affecting Mental Health</b>																									
Suicide, Having Thoughts of	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️
Anxious	😞	🟡	😞	🟡			😞		😞	☹️		😞	☹️	😞	😞	😞	😞	😞	😞	🟡	☹️		🟡	😞	😞
Brain Disease or Injury causing Inability to Communicate												☹️												☹️	
Cannot Focus Thoughts													☹️		😞	😞	😞	😞	😞					☹️	☹️
Confused		☹️		☹️			😞		😞	☹️	😞	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️		😞	😞	☹️	☹️
Delusions										☹️											☹️				
Depression		☹️		☹️															☹️						☹️
Disorder involving Personality Changes												☹️										☹️			☹️
Hallucination						☹️		☹️		☹️	☹️		☹️		☹️	☹️	☹️	☹️		☹️			☹️		☹️
Loss of Memory					😞							😞			😞	😞	😞	😞				😞			😞
Loss of One's Own Sense of Reality or Identity		☹️		☹️						☹️	☹️								☹️	☹️					☹️
Mental Disorder with Loss of Normal Personality & Reality						☹️		☹️																	
Mental Impairment		☹️		☹️						☹️	☹️	☹️							☹️	☹️		☹️			☹️


















































































































































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<b>Mental Health (continued)</b>																										
Mild Degree of Mania																										
Mood Changes																										
Nervous																										
Over Excitement																										
Paranoia																										
Sense of Well Being - Extreme																										
Sense of Well-Being - False																										
<b>Affecting Sleep</b>																										
Chronic Trouble Sleeping																										
Dreams Abnormal																										
Drowsiness																										
Nightmares																										
Yawning																										
<b>Affecting Nervous System</b>																										
Migraine Headache																										
Diminished or Slow Movement																										
Dizzy																										
Exaggerated Deep Reflexes																										
Extrapyramidal Reaction <sup>1</sup>																										
Lower Seizure Threshold																										
Seizures																										
Sensation of Spinning or Whirling																										
Serotonin Syndrome - Adverse Drug Interaction																										














































































































































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<b>Nervous System (Continued)</b>																									
Twitching		☹		☹							☠☹		☹							☹				☹	☹
Uncoordinated		☹		☹			☹		☹		☠☹		☠☹	☹						☹			☹	☠☹	☹
Head Pain	☹	☠☹	☹	☠☹	☹		☹		☹		☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹		☹	☹	☹	☹	☠☹
Involuntary Quivering	☹	☹	☹	☹		☠	☹	☠	☹	☹		☹	☠☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹		☹	☹	☠☹
Numbness	☹		☹			☹	☹	☹	☹	☹			☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹			☹	☹	☹
Numbness and Tingling		☹		☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹
Pain in Arms or Legs												☹										☹			
Parkinson Symptoms												☠										☠			
Voluntary Movement Difficulty															☹	☹	☹	☹	☹						
Stroke												☹	☹									☹		☹	
Nerve Pain											☹														
Myoclonus <sup>6</sup>							☹		☹					☹	☹	☹	☹	☹					☹		
Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome <sup>5</sup>	☹	☹	☹	☹		☹		☹				☹			☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹		☹			☹
<b>Affecting the Cardiac System</b>																									
Abnormal Heart Rhythm												☹			☹	☹	☹	☹				☹			
Abnormal Heart Electrical Signals		☹		☹																☹					☹
Atrial Fibrillation									☹																
Heart Throbbing or Pounding	☹	☹	☹	☹		☹	☹	☹	☹					☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹			☹		☹
Heartbeat - Rapid Ventricular							☹	☹	☹																
Heartbeat - Slow							☹	☹	☹				☹												☹
Heartbeat Fast	☹	☹	☹	☹			☹		☹		☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹			☹	☹	☹	☹
Heartbeat Very Rapid - Torsades de Pointes		☹	☹	☹		☹		☹					☹							☹					☹
Prolonged Q-T Interval on EKG		☹	☹	☹		☹		☹												☹					☹
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
































































































































































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<b>Cardiac System (Continued)</b>																										
Angina																										
Abnormally Low Blood Pressure																										
Blood Pressure Drop Upon Standing																										
High Blood Pressure																										
Extremely High Blood Pressure																										
Blood Clot in a Deep Vein																										
Blood Clot in Lung																										
Collection of Clotted Blood in an Organ, Space or Tissue																										
Decreased Blood Platelets																										
Chest Pain																										
Chronic Heart Failure																										
Feeling Faint																										
Fluid Retention in the Legs, Feet, Arms or Hands																										
Heart Attack																										
Hemorrhage																										
Bleeding Not Related to Menstrual Period																										
Bleeding of the Stomach or Intestines																										
Hemorrhage of Blood Under the Skin																										
Increased Risk of Bleeding																										
Blood coming from Anus																										
Bloody Urine																										
Nosebleed																										





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






























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<b>Cardiac System (Continued)</b>																										
Red Blood in Bowel Movement																										
Inflammation of a Vein																										
Low Amount of Sodium in the Blood																										
Low Blood Sugar																										
Low Blood Counts due to Bone Marrow Failure																										
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Increased Levels of Prolactin in the Blood																										
Puffy Face from Water Retention																										
Visible Water Retention																										
Widening of Blood Vessels																										
<b>Affecting Digestive System</b>																										
Blockage of Normal Bile Flow																										
Blocked Bowels with No Movement																										
Burning Stomach																										
Burping																										
Change in Appetite																										
Diarrhea																										
Dry Mouth																										
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



























































































































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<b>Digestive System (Continued)</b>																										
Failure of Esophageal Sphincter to Relax																										
Feel Like Throwing Up																										
Gas																										
Incomplete or Infrequent Bowel Movements																										
Increased Hunger																										
Increased Production of Saliva																										
Indigestion																										
Inflammation of the Lining of the Stomach and Intestines																										
Loss of Appetite																										
Stomach Cramps	 		 																							
Stomach Ulcer	 		 																							
Taste Problems																										
Throat Irritation																										
Throwing Up																										
<b>Affecting Hearing</b>																										
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






































































































































































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<b>Muscle-Skeletal System (Continued)</b>																										
Inflammation of the Sac Surrounding the Joint - Bursitis																										
Joint Pain																										
Lockjaw																										
Muscle Disease																										
Muscle Pain																										
Muscle Stiffness																										
Muscle Weakness																										
Neck Pain																										
Serious Muscle Damage that may Lead to Kidney Failure																										
<b>Affecting Organs</b>																										
Acute Inflammation of the Pancreas																										
Diabetes																										
Diabetic Hyperosmolar Coma																										
Diabetic Ketoacidosis																										
Yellowing of Skin or Eyes from Bile Flow Problems																										
Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone Secretion																										
Abnormal Liver Function Tests																										
Acute Liver Failure																										
Hepatitis																										
Hepatitis caused by Drugs																										
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































































































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<b>Affecting Pulmonary System</b>																									
Asthma																									
Breathing, Periods of Not																									
Breathing, Trouble																									
Bronchitis																									
Cough																									
Pneumonia with High Amount of Eosinophil White Blood Cells																									
Interstitial Pneumonitis <sup>4</sup>																									
<b>Affecting Sex</b>																									
Abnormally Long or Heavy Periods																									
Absence of Menstrual Periods																									
Altered Interest in Having Sexual Intercourse																									
Breast Fullness due to Milk Production																									
Breast Tenderness																									
Breasts Enlarged in Males																									
Discharge of Milk in Men or Women when Not Breastfeeding																									
Enlarged Prostate																									
Erection - Continued Painful																									
Inability to have an Erection																									
Inflammation or Infection of Vagina																									
Orgasm Problems																									
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Problem with Ejaculation																									

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<b>Affecting Sex (Continued)</b>																									
Problem with Periods																									
Sexual Problems																									
Yeast Infection of Vagina and Vulva																									
<b>Affecting the Skin</b>																									
Acne																									
Bruise																									
Contact Dermatitis																									
Eczema																									
Excessive Sweating																									
Giant Hives																									
Drug or Chemical-Induced Sensitivity to Sunlight																									
Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis																									
Hives																									
Inflammation of the Skin with Blisters																									
Itching																									
Rash																									
Redness of Skin																									
Sun-Sensitive Skin																									
Temporary Redness of Face and Neck																									
Erythema Multiforme <sup>3</sup>																									
<b>Affecting the Urinary System</b>																									
Cannot Empty Bladder																									



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<b>Affecting Vision (Continued)</b>																									
Problems with Eyesight																									
<b>Other Side Effects</b>																									
Canker Sore																									
Chills																									
Complication at Treatment Site																									
Fever																									
Flu-Like Symptoms																									
Hair Loss																									
Inflammation of the Nose																									
Low Energy																									
Lupus-Like Syndrome																									
Sensitive to Light																									
Sinus Irritation and Congestion																									
Sluggishness																									
Stevens-Johnson Syndrome <sup>2</sup>																									
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Sunstroke																									
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