








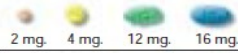
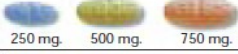
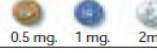
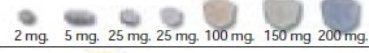


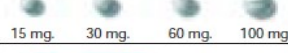

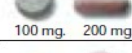
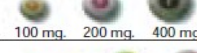





Medicines for Epilepsy

This chart is designed to help people with epilepsy (seizure disorders) become more familiar with the medications they are taking. It is not designed for use by health or other professionals to identify drugs. Other drugs not listed here may also be prescribed to prevent seizures.

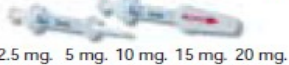
The pictures are of brand name drugs as of the printing date. However, drugs may change in appearance from time to time. Generic versions of these drugs (listed in italics, under the brand name) will look different from the brand name drugs.

The list of side effects is not complete because of space limitations. For a complete list, consult your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. Most detailed sources of information on side effects include the drug's prescribing information sheet, or the Physician's Desk Reference.

Any change in physical or mental health in someone taking these medications should be reported promptly to the doctor. Safety in pregnancy has not been established for any of these medications. Questions about their use in pregnancy should be discussed with the doctor.

FORM (of brand name product)	BRAND NAME (generic name)	AVERAGE ADULT DAILY DOSE <small>Actual dose for a person with epilepsy may be higher or lower than the doses listed.</small>	SOME SIDE EFFECTS <small>Not all individuals experience side effects. This partial list names some side effects individuals may experience.</small>
	*ATIVAN® (lorazepam)	1 mg. - 10 mg.	Drowsiness, sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, unsteadiness, behavior changes
	CARBATROL® (extended release carbamazepine)	600 mg. - 1200 mg.	Dizziness, drowsiness, blurred or double vision, nausea, skin rashes, abnormal blood counts (rare)
	DEPAKENE® (valproate)	1750 mg. - 3000 mg.	Upset stomach, altered bleeding time, liver toxicity, hair loss, weight gain, tremor
	DEPAKOTE® (divalproex sodium)	1750 mg. - 3000 mg.	Upset stomach, altered bleeding time, liver toxicity, hair loss, weight gain, tremor
	DIAMOX® (acetazolamide)	250 mg. - 1000 mg.	Appetite loss, frequent urination, drowsiness, confusion, numbness of extremities, kidney stones
	DILANTIN® (phenytoin)	200 mg. - 400 mg.	Clumsiness, insomnia, motor twitching, nausea, rash, gum overgrowth, hairiness, thickening of features
	FELBATOL® (felbamate)	1200 mg. - 3600 mg.	Anorexia, vomiting, insomnia, nausea, headache, liver and blood toxicity
	GABITRIL® (tiagabine)	32 mg. - 56 mg.	Tremor, dizziness, nervousness, difficulty concentrating, sleepiness, weakness
	KEPPRA® (levetiracetam)	1000 mg. - 3000 mg.	Sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, loss of strength, dizziness
	KLONOPIN® (clonazepam)	1.5 mg. - 20 mg.	Drowsiness, sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, unsteadiness, behavior changes
	LAMICTAL® (lamotrigine)	100 mg. - 500 mg.	Dizziness, headache, blurred vision, clumsiness, sleepiness, nausea, skin rash
	MYSOLINE® (primidone)	250 mg. - 1000 mg.	Clumsiness, dizziness, appetite loss, fatigue, drowsiness, hyperirritability, insomnia, depression, hyperactivity (children)
	NEURONTIN® (gabapentin)	900 mg. - 3600 mg.	Sleepiness, dizziness, clumsiness, fatigue, twitching
	PHENOBARBITAL (phenobarbital)	100 mg.	Drowsiness, irritability, hyperactivity (children), behavioral problems, difficulty concentrating, depression
	PHENYTEK (extended phenytoin sodium)	200 mg. - 400 mg.	Clumsiness, insomnia, motor twitching, nausea, rash, gum overgrowth, hairiness, thickening of features
	TEGRETOL® (carbamazepine)	600 mg. - 1200 mg.	Dizziness, drowsiness, blurred or double vision, nausea, skin rashes, abnormal blood counts (rare)
	TEGRETOL XR® (extended release carbamazepine)	600 mg. - 1200 mg.	Dizziness, drowsiness, blurred or double vision, nausea, skin rashes, abnormal blood counts (rare)
	TOPAMAX® (topiramate)	200 mg. - 400 mg.	Confusion, sleepiness, dizziness, clumsiness, difficulty thinking or talking, tingling sensation of the skin, nausea, decreased appetite
	TRANXENE® (clorazepate)	15 mg. - 45 mg.	Drowsiness, sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, unsteadiness, behavior changes
	TRILEPTAL® (oxcarbazepine)	600 mg. - 2400 mg.	Difficulty concentrating, sleepiness, fatigue, dizziness, double vision, nausea, unsteadiness, rash
	ZARONTIN® (ethosuximide)	500 mg. - 1500 mg.	Appetite loss, nausea, drowsiness, headache, dizziness, fatigue, rash, abnormal blood counts (rare)
	ZONEGRAN™ (zonisamide)	100 mg. - 600 mg.	Sleepiness, dizziness, loss of appetite, headache, nausea, irritability, difficulty concentrating, unsteadiness, fever, kidney stones, rash (should not be used in individuals allergic to sulfa drugs)

The following medicine is not prescribed for daily, long-term use, but to stop episodes of prolonged or cluster seizures.

	DIASTAT® (diazepam rectal gel)	Average Single Dose 0.2 mg. -0.5 mg./kg.	Drowsiness, sleepiness, fatigue, poor coordination, unsteadiness, behavior changes
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* Sometimes prescribed for epilepsy, but not FDA-approved for that use.

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