

MEDICATIONS THAT CAN CAUSE CONSTIPATION

TYPE OF DRUG	PRIMARY USE	ACTIVE INGREDIENTS	BRAND EXAMPLES
Antacids	Relieve heartburn	Brands containing aluminum, calcium	Gaviscon®, Amphojel®
Anticonvulsants	Control epilepsy and other seizure disorders	Phenytoin, valproic acid	Dilantin®, Depakote®
Antidepressants	Treat symptoms of depression	Amitriptyline, imipramine, nortriptyline	Elavil®, Tofranil®, Pamelor®
Antihypertensives	Lower blood pressure	Diltiazem, nifedipine, clonidine hydrochloride	Cardizem®, Procardia®, Catapres®
Anti-Parkinson's agents	Relieve symptoms of Parkinson's disease	Levodopa, carbidopa	Sinemet®, Stalevo®
Antipsychotics	Treat symptoms of psychosis	Haloperidol, clozapine, risperidone	Haldol®, Clozaril®, Risperdal®
Antispasmodics	Decrease intestinal cramps, control overactive bladder	Propantheline, dicyclomine, oxybutynin, tolterodine	Pro-Banthine®, Bentyl®, Ditropan®, Detrol®
Bile acid sequestrants	Reduce cholesterol	Cholestyramine, colestipol	Questran®, Colestipol®
Calcium supplements	Supplement dietary calcium	Calcium citrate, calcium carbonate	Caltrate®, PhosCal®
Chemotherapy agents	Treat cancer	Vinca alkaloids, alkylating agents, others	Oncovin®, Paraplatin®
Diuretics	Lower blood pressure, promote excretion of water	Furosemide, hydrochlorothiazide	Lasix®, Aldactazide®, Aldoril®, HydroDIURIL®, Dyazide®
Iron supplements	Iron deficiency anemia	Ferrous fumarate, ferrous gluconate, ferrous sulfate	Femiron®, Fergon®, Feosol®, SlowFe®
Opioids	Relieve pain	Morphine, codeine, oxycodone	MSContin®, Tylenol® with Codeine, Percocet®, OxyContin®

