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Table 1. Antiepileptic Drugs			
Drug	FDA-Labelled Indication	Common Side Effects	Severe Idiosyncratic Reactions
Carbamazepine	Partial epilepsy	Dizziness, ataxia, nausea, fatigue, diplopia	Risk, hyponatremia, hepatotoxicity, pancreatitis, bone marrow suppression
Ethosuximide	Absence seizures	Nausea, headache, dizziness, ataxia	Risk, bone marrow suppression
Felbamate	Partial epilepsy (intractable), ICS	Weight loss, anorexia, headache, insomnia	Fulminant hepatic failure, aplastic anemia
Gabapentin	Partial epilepsy	Sedation, weight gain, edema	
Lacosamide	Partial epilepsy	Nausea, headache, dizziness	Cardiac arrhythmias
Levetiracetam	Partial and generalized epilepsy, ICS	Headache, nausea, dizziness, diplopia	Risk
Lamotrigine	Partial and generalized epilepsy, myoclonic seizures	Depression, irritability, insomnia	
Oxcarbazepine	Partial epilepsy	Nausea, headache, dizziness, ataxia	Risk, hyponatremia
Phenytoin	Partial epilepsy, GTC, seizures	Sedation, cognitive impairment, hyperactivity	Risk, hepatotoxicity, anemia
Phenytoin	Partial epilepsy, GTC, seizures	Ataxia, dizziness, nausea, headache, gingival hyperplasia	Risk, hepatotoxicity, bone marrow suppression
Primidone	Partial epilepsy	Weight gain, edema	
Rufinamide	ICS	Nausea, headache, dizziness, fatigue	Risk, shortened QT interval
Topiramate	Partial epilepsy	Tinnitus, nausea, cognitive impairment, fatigue	Nonconvulsive status epilepticus, seizures, death
Topiramate	Partial and generalized epilepsy, ICS	Fatigue, cognitive slowing, aphasia, anorexia, weight loss, paresthesia	Nephrolithiasis, acute angle closure glaucoma, metabolic acidosis, hyperammonemia
Valproate	Partial and generalized epilepsy	Weight gain, tremor, nausea, menstrual disorders, hair loss, sedation	Risk, hepatotoxicity, pancreatitis, hyperammonemia, thrombocytopenia
Vigabatrin	Partial epilepsy (intractable), infantile spasms	Weight gain, tremor, nausea, dizziness, headache, somnolence	Irreversible vision loss, risk, hepatotoxicity
Zonisamide	Partial epilepsy	Anorexia, dizziness	Risk, nephrolithiasis, metabolic acidosis, aplastic anemia

A list of antiepileptic drugs, their FDA-approved indications, side effects, and potential severe reactions.  
 FDA = US Food and Drug Administration, GTC = generalized tonic-clonic, ICS = Lennox-Gastaut syndrome.  
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**DO NOT delegate what you can EAT!**

- E - evaluate
  - A - assess
  - T - teach
- addisons= down, down down up down  
 cushings= up up up down up

addisons= hyponatremia, hypotension, decreased blood vol, hyperkalemia, hypoglycemia  
 cushings= hypernatremia, hypertension, increased blood vol, hypokalemia, hyperglycemia

No Pee, no K (do not give potassium without adequate urine output)

EleVate Veins; dAngle Arteries for better perfusion

- A = appearance (color all pink, pink and blue, blue [pale])
- P = pulse (>100, < 100, absent)
- G = grimace (cough, grimace, no response)
- A = activity (flexed, flaccid, limp)
- R = respirations (strong cry, weak cry, absent)

**TRANSMISSION-BASED PRECAUTIONS:**

- AIRBORNE**
- My - Measles
- Chicken - Chicken Pox/Varicella
- Herz - Herpes Zoster/Shingles
- TB

or remember...

- MTV - Airborne
- Measles
- TB
- Varicella-Chicken Pox/Herpes Zoster-Shingles
- Private Room - negative pressure with 6-12 air exchanges/hr
- Mask, N95 for TB

**DROPLET**

- think of SPIDERMAN!
- S - sepsis
- S - scarlet fever
- S - streptococcal pharyngitis
- P - parvovirus B19
- P - pneumonia
- P - pertussis
- I - influenza
- D - diphtheria (pharyngeal)
- E - epiglottitis
- R - rubella
- M - mumps
- M - meningitis
- M - mycoplasma or meningococcal pneumonia
- An - Adenovirus
- Private Room or cohort
- Mask



