




# WERE YOU PRESCRIBED MEDICATION TO TREAT YOUR NEUROPATHY?

*These medications are NOT intended to TREAT or REVERSE Neuropathy, but instead prescribed to mask the symptoms.*

MEDICATION / Prescribed Mainly For...	Normal Side Effects	Severe Side Effect	HOW DOES IT WORK?
<p><b>CYMBALTA</b></p> <p>Duloxetine (Cymbalta) is used to treat <b>depression</b> and <b>anxiety</b>. Also used to help nerve <b>pain</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nausea</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Dry Mouth</li> <li>• Fatigue and weakness</li> <li>• Insomnia</li> <li>• Dizziness</li> </ul>	<p>drug may cause...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seizures</li> <li>• convulsions</li> <li>• manic episodes</li> <li>• changes in blood pressure</li> <li>• falls</li> <li>• liver damage</li> <li>• Stevens-Johnson Syndrome</li> <li>• serotonin syndrome</li> <li>• dilation of the pupil</li> <li>• risk of bleeding or bruising</li> <li>• risk of suicidal thoughts</li> </ul>	<p>Cymbalta is in a class of drugs called selective serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs). It works by boosting the amounts of serotonin and norepinephrine, which are natural substances in the brain.</p> <p>Be sure your doctor knows if you also take stimulant medicine, opioid medicine, herbal products, or medicine for depression, mental illness, Parkinson's disease, migraine headaches, serious infections, or prevention of nausea and vomiting. <i>These medicines may interact with duloxetine and cause a serious condition called serotonin syndrome.</i></p>
<p><b>LYRICA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• neuropathic (nerve) pain associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy or postherpetic neuralgia</li> <li>• for treating partial onset seizures in adults, and</li> <li>• fibromyalgia</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Ataxia</li> <li>• blurred vision</li> <li>• constipation</li> <li>• diplopia</li> <li>• dizziness</li> <li>• drowsiness</li> <li>• fatigue</li> <li>• headache</li> <li>• peripheral edema</li> <li>• tremor</li> <li>• weight gain</li> <li>• visual field loss</li> <li>• accidental injury</li> <li>• xerostomia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• abnormal gait</li> <li>• abnormality in thinking amnesia</li> <li>• arthralgia</li> <li>• asthenia</li> <li>• cognitive dysfunction,</li> <li>• confusion/twitching</li> <li>• edema</li> <li>• neuropathy</li> <li>• sinusitis</li> <li>• speech disturbance</li> <li>• vertigo</li> <li>• visual disturbance</li> <li>• myasthenia</li> <li>• amblyopia</li> <li>• increased appetite</li> </ul>	<p>Lyrica belongs to a drug class called antiepileptic drugs. Lyrica is a controlled substance. It's classified as a schedule V prescription drug. Schedule V drugs have accepted medical uses, but they also have the potential to cause psychological or physical dependence. This means that the drug could be misused.</p>



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<p><b>GABAPENTIN</b></p> <p>Gabapentin is used to treat <b>epilepsy</b>. It's also taken for nerve <b>pain and even</b> migraine headaches</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drowsiness</li> <li>• tiredness or weakness</li> <li>• dizziness</li> <li>• headache</li> <li>• uncontrollable shaking of a part of your body</li> <li>• double or blurred vision</li> <li>• unsteadiness</li> <li>• anxiety</li> <li>• memory problems</li> <li>• strange or unusual thoughts</li> <li>• unwanted eye movements</li> <li>• nausea</li> <li>• vomiting</li> <li>• heartburn</li> <li>• diarrhea</li> <li>• dry mouth</li> <li>• constipation</li> <li>• increased appetite</li> <li>• weight gain</li> <li>• swelling of the hands, feet, ankles, or lower legs</li> <li>• back or joint pain</li> <li>• fever</li> <li>• runny nose, sneezing, cough, sore throat, or flu-like symptoms</li> <li>• ear pain</li> </ul>	<p>drug may cause...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rash</li> <li>• itching</li> <li>• swelling of the face, throat, tongue, lips, or eyes</li> <li>• hoarseness</li> <li>• difficulty swallowing or breathing</li> <li>• seizures</li> <li>• difficulty breathing; bluish-tinged skin, lips, or fingernails; confusion; or extreme sleepiness</li> </ul>	<p>Gabapentin is an anticonvulsant medication that helps control seizures in people with epilepsy. Gabapentin appears to work by altering electrical activity in the brain and influencing the activity of chemicals called neurotransmitters, which send messages between nerve cells.</p>