

ANTI DEPRESSANTS

NAME		DOSE RANGE	COST	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Generic	Trade				
Fluoxetine	Prozac	20-80 mg		Long half-life Activating Decreased appetite Minimal somnolence	Long half life Agitation Decreased appetite Potent inhibitor of II D6 Headaches Sexual dysfunction
Sertraline	Zoloft	50-200 mg		Low rate of side effects Min agitation 26 hour half-life Low incidence of mania Weak inhibition of II D6 Enzyme	Max absorption on full stomach Dry mouth Somnolence No inhibition of its own metabolism GI disturbances common Sexual dysfunction
Paroxetine	Paxil	20-50 mg		Somnolence 26 hour half-life Diarrhea less common Low induction of mania	Somnolence more common Anticholinergic side effects Inhibition of II D6 enzyme Sexual dysfunction
Venlafaxine	Effexor	75-300 mg		Affects NE & 5HT systems Min. drug interaction Short half life 87% renal excretion Low sexual side-effects	Diastolic Hypertension Nausea in 26% Requires BID dosing Somnolence Dry mouth Dizziness Final dose highly variable Sexual dysfunction
Bupropion	Wellbutrin	150-450 mg		Lowest drop-out rate Unique mechanism of action Low induction of mania Short half life Low sexual side effects	Increased seizure risk Requires BID dosing or SR May have a therapeutic window
Nefazodone	Serzone	200-600 mg		Minimal anxiety, insomnia or nervousness Low induction of mania Relatively short half-life Low sexual side effects	Requires BID dosing Modest somnolence, dry mouth, nausea, and dizziness Potent II A4 inhibitor
Trazodone	Desyrel	50-200 mg		Relatively short half life Highly sedating No cardiac toxicity Useful for early treatment of insomnia	Highly sedating Not as effective as SSRI's or TCA's