

Cautionary Drugs for Myasthenia Gravis

Medications to Avoid Or Use With Caution

This list is not comprehensive and these drugs may affect each person differently. Check with your neurologist/healthcare providers before surgery and before adding or stopping medications.

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ANESTHETICS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Bupivacaine	Marcaïne, Sensorcaine	3
Desflurane	Suprane	2
Isoflurane	Forane, Terrell	2
Prilocaine	Citanest	3
Procaine	Novocain	3
Sevoflurane	Ultane	2

ANTI-INFECTIVES		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Amikacin	AriKayce	2
Amoxicillin	Moxatag	4
Ampicillin		4

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Azithromycin	Zithromax, Azasite, Zmax	3
Bacitracin		2
Chloroquine		3
Ciprofloxacin	Cipro	1
Clarithromycin	Biaxin	3
Colistin	Coly-Mycin	2
Delafloxacin	Baxdela	1
Doxycycline	Vibramycin, Morgidox, Oraxyl, Acticlate, Doryx, Oracea, Adoxa	3
Erythromycin	E..E.s, EryPed, Erythrocin	3
Gatifloxacin	Zymaxid	1
Gentamicin	Gentak	2
Hydroxychloroquine	Plaquenil	3
Imipenem	Primaxin, Recarbrio	4
Levofloxacin	Levaquin	1
Mefloquine	Lariam	3
Metronidazole	Flagyl	3
Minocycline	Ximino, Solodyn	3

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Moxifloxacin	Moxeza, Vigamox, Avelox	1
Neomycin	Neo-Fradin	2
Nitrofurantoin	Macrochantin, Macrobid	3
Ofloxacin	Ocuflox, Fioxin	1
Paromycin		2
Penicillin G	Bicillin	4
Penicillin VK		4
Polymyxin	Coly-Mycin	2
Quinine	Qualaquin	3
Ritonavir	Norvir	3
Streptomycin		2
Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim	Sulfatrim, Bactrim	4
Telithromycin	Ketek	1
Tetracycline		3
Tobramycin	Tobi, Bethkis, Tobrex, Kitabis	2
Vancomycin	Vancocin, Firvanq	2

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ANTICONVULSANTS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Carbamazepine	Carbatrol, Equetro, Tegretol	4
Ethosuximide	Zarontin	4
Fosphenytoin	Cerebyx	4
Gabapentin	Horizant, Neurontin, Gralise	3
Pentobarbital	Nembutal	4
Phenobarbital		4
Phenytoin	Dilantin	3

CANCER MEDICATIONS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Atezolizumab	Tecentriq	3
Avelumab	Bavencio	3
Cemiplimab	Libtayo	3
Cisplatin	Platinol	2
Durvalumab	Imfinzi	3
Fludarabine	Fludara	2

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Ipilimumab	Yervoy	3
Nivolumab	Opdivo	3
Pembrolizumab	Keytruda	3

CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICATIONS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Acebutolol	Sectral	3
Amlodipine	Norvasc, Katerzia, Caduet, Lotrel, Consensi, Tribenzor, Exforge, Azor, Twynsta	3
Atenolol	Tenormin	3
Atorvastatin	Lipitor, Caduet	3
Betaxolol		3
Bisoprolol	Ziac	3
Carvedilol	Coreg	3
Diltiazem	Caedizen, Cartia, Dilt-CD, Dilt-XR, Diltzac, Taztia, Tiadylt, Tiazac, Matzim	3

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Isradipine		3
Labetalol	Normodyne	3
Lidocaine	Xylocaine	2
Lovastatin	Altoprev	3
Methyldopa	Aldomet	5
Metoprolol	Toprol, Kapsargo	3
Nadolol	Corgard	3
Nebivolol	Bystolic, Byvalson	3
Nicardipine	Cardene	3
Nifedipine	Procardia	3
Nisoldipine	Sular	3
Penbutolol	Levatol	3
Pindolol		3
Pravastatin	Pravachol	3
Procainamide		2
Propranolol	Inderal	3

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Quinidine		2
Rosuvastatin	Crestor, Ezallor	3
Simvastatin	FloLipid, Zocor, Vytorin	3
Sotalol	Sotylize, Betapace, Sorine	3
Timolol		3
Verapamil	Verelan, Calan, Isoptin	3

EYE DROPS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Acetazolamide	Diamox	3
Betaxolol	Betopic	3
Bupivacaine		3
Carteolol	Ocupress	3
Ciprofloxacin	Ciloxan	1
Echothiophate	Phospholine Iodide	3
Gatifloxacin	Zymaxid	1

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Metipranolol	Optipranolol	3
Moxifloxacin	Moxeza, Vigamox	1
Ofoxacin	Ocuflox	1
Proparacaine	Alcaine	3
Timolol	Betimol, Istalol	3
Tropicamide	Mydriacyl	3

GLUCOCORTICOIDS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Dexamethasone	Decadron, Dxevo, Hemady	4
Methylprednisolone	Depo-Medrol, Medrol, Solu-Medrol	4
Prednisone	Deltasone, Payos	4

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MISCELLANEOUS MEDICATIONS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Botulinum	Botox, Dysport	1
Penicillamine	Cuprimine, Depen	4

NEUROMUSCULAR BLOCKING AGENTS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Atracurium		2
Cisatracurium	Nimbex	2
Pancuronium		2
Rocuronium	Zemuron	2
Succinylcholine	Anectine, Quelicin	2
Vecuronium		2

OPIOID MEDICATIONS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Codeine	Brontex, Alfen, Gauifenesin, Virtussin, Lortuss	3
Hydrocodone	Hysingla, Zohydro, Vicoprophen, Lartab	3

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Hydromorphone	Dilaudid	3
Levorphanol		3
Meperidine	Demerol	3
Methadone	Dolophine	3
Oxycodone	Oxycontin, Xtampza, Percocet, Endocet	3
Oxymorphone	Opana	3
Propoxyphene	Darvon	3
Tapentadol	Nucynta	3
Tramadol	Ultram	3

OVER THE COUNTER/SUPPLEMENTS		
Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Magnesium Carbonate	Gaviscon, Antacid	
Magnesium Citrate	Citroma	
Magnesium Hydroxide	Milk of Magnesia, Mylanta, Maalox	
Magnesium Salicylate	Backache Relief	
Magnesium Salts	Mag-64, Uro-Mag	

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Aplrazolam	Xanax	4
Amitriptyline	Elavil	3
Amphetamine	Adzenys, Dyanavel, Evekeo, Adderal, Mydayis	3
Chlordiazepoxide	Librium, Librax, Limbitrol	4
Chlorpromazine	Thorazine	3
Clobazam	Sympazan, Onfi	4
Clomipramine	Anafranil	3
Clonazepam	Klonopin	4
Desipramine	Norpramin	3
Dextroamphetamine	Adderall	3
Diazepam	Valium, Diastrat, Valtoco	4
Doxepin	Silenor	3
Properidol	Inapsine	3
Estazolam	Prosom	4
Fluphenazine	Prolixin	3
Haloperidol	Haldon	3

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Risk
Imipramine	Tofranil	3
Lithium	Eskalith	3
Lorazepam	Ativan	4
Midazolam	Nayzilam	4
Nortriptyline	Pamelor	3
Oxazepam	Serax	4
Perphenazine	Trilafon	3
Pimozide	Orap	3
Prochlorperazine	Compazine, Compro	3
Protriptyline	Vivactil	3
Quazepam	Doral	4
Temazepam	Restoril	4
Thioridazine	Mellaril	3
Triazolam	Halcion	4
Trifluoperazine	Stelazine	3
Trimipramine	Surmontil	3

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