

Tricyclic Antidepressants

What it does:

- Helps relieve pain and discomfort linked with nerve pain.
- At higher doses, it may also be used to treat depression. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you would like more information.

How it works:

- Works in your brain to reduce the feeling of nerve pain.

How to take it:

- Can be taken with or without food.
- Do not drink alcohol while taking this medication.
- This medicine is usually taken at bedtime, but should be taken exactly as directed by your doctor.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is 6 hours within your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule.

Possible side effects:

- Drowsiness
- Feeling anxious or excited
- Difficulty sleeping, nightmares
- Dry mouth and constipation
- Changes in appetite or weight

Call your doctor if you have any of these:

- New muscle spasms in jaw/neck/back
- Slow or difficult speech
- New shaking, tremors or feeling like you cannot sit still
- A fast or uneven heartbeat