

Frequently prescribed neurological medications.

Below are common medications used to treat neurology or brain conditions. In some cases, these medications are prescribed for you to take at home after discharge. Let your nurse or provider know if you have questions or are having a possible side effect.

INDICATION	DRUG CLASS	MEDICATIONS	SIDE EFFECTS
Acute hemorrhagic stroke	Antihypertensives (treats blood pressure)	Amlodipine (Norvasc) Amlodipine (Norvasc) Lisinopril (Zestril) Losartan (Cozaar) Carvedilol (Coreg) Hydralazine Nifedipine (Procardia)	Dizziness on standing Dry cough
Acute ischemic stroke	Antiplatelets (treats blood clots)	Aspirin (Bufferin/Ecotrin) Clopidogrel (Plavix) Ticagrelor (Brilinta)	Upset stomach Risk of bleeding Bruising
	Cholesterol medications (treats high cholesterol)	Atorvastatin (Lipitor) Rosuvastatin (Crestor)	Upset stomach Muscle aches
	Anticoagulants (treats blood clots)	Apixaban (Eliquis) Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) Dabigatran (Pradaxa) Warfarin (Coumadin/Jantoven)	Upset stomach Risk of bleeding Bruising
Seizures	Anti-seizure medications (treats seizures)	Levetiracetam (Keppra) Valproic acid (Valproic) Phenytoin (Dilantin) Fosphenytoin (Cerebyx) Lacosamide (Vimpat) Topiramate (Topamax) Clobazam (Onfi) Carbamazepine (Tegretol) Gabapentin (Neurontin)	Headache Dizziness/drowsiness Nausea/vomiting
Neurosurgery	Anti-seizure medications (treats seizures)	Levetiracetam (Keppra)	Headache Dizziness/drowsiness Nausea/vomiting
	Corticosteroids (treats Inflammation)	Dexamethasone (Maxidex)	Headache Dizziness/drowsiness Nausea/vomiting
	Proton pump inhibitors (treats heartburn/ acid reflux)	Pantoprazole (Protonix)	Headache Diarrhea
	Insulin (treats blood sugar)	Insulin Glargine (Lantus) Insulin Aspart (Humalog)	Upset stomach Low blood sugar