**FULL LIST OF MEDICATIONS APPROVED FOR THE TREATMENT OF PARKINSON’S DISEASE IN THE USA**

Below is a full list of Parkinson’s medications that have been approved to treat Parkinson’s in the United States. *This material is intended to provide you with information. It should not be used for treatment purposes, but rather as a source for discussion with the patient’s own physician.* Work with your physician to determine which medications are best for you, and know the risks and benefits of each.

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| Generic Name | Trade Name | Mode of Action | Common Side Effects\* | |
| Carbidopa-levodopa | Sinemet | DOPA decarboxylase inhibitor/DA precursor | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, anxiety, dyskinesia, confusion, hallucinations, somnolence. |
| Carbidopa-levodopa (controlled release) | Sinemet CR | DOPA decarboxylase inhibitor/DA precursor | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, anxiety, dyskinesia, confusion, hallucinations, somnolence. |
| Carbidopa-levodopa (orally disintegrating tablet) | Parcopa | DOPA decarboxylase inhibitor/DA precursor | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, anxiety, dyskinesia, confusion, hallucinations, somnolence. |
| Carbidopa-levodopa (extended release capsultes | Rytary | DOPA decarboxylase inhibitor/DA precursor | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, anxiety, dyskinesia, confusion, hallucinations, somnolence. |
| Carbidopa-levodopa-entacopone (enteral suspension) | Duopa | DOPA decarboxylase inhibitor/DA precursor | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, anxiety, dyskinesia, confusion, hallucinations, somnolence. |
| Levodopa Inhalation powder | Inbrija | DA precursor | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, anxiety, dyskinesia, confusion, hallucinations, somnolence. |
| Entacopone | Comtan | COMT inhibitor, inhibits breakdown of Levodopa | | Same as carbidopa/levodopa. In addition: diarrhea, discoloration of body fluids. |
| Tolcapone | Tasmar | COMT inhibitor, inhibits breakdown of Levodopa | | Same as carbidopa/levodopa. In addition: diarrhea, discoloration of body fluids. Tasmar can cause elevated liver function enzymes. |
| Opicapone | Ongentys | COMT inhibitor, inhibits breakdown of Levodopa | | Same as carbidopa/levodopa. |
| Carbidopa/Levodopa Entacopone | Stalevo | DOPA decarboxylase inhibitor/DA precursor/COMT inhibitor | | Same as carbidopa/levodopa and Entacaopone |
| Pramipexole | Mirapex | DA agonist | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, swelling of ankles, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, somnolence, sleep attacks, impulse control disorders. |
| Pramipexole (extended release) | Mirapex ER | DA agonist | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, swelling of ankles, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, somnolence, sleep attacks, impulse control disorders. |
| Ropinirole | Requip | DA agonist | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, swelling of ankles, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, somnolence, sleep attacks, impulse control disorders. |
| Ropinirole (extended release) | Requip XL | DA agonist | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, swelling of ankles, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, somnolence, sleep attacks, impulse control disorders. |
| Apomorphine (injection) | Apokyn | DA agonist | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, swelling of ankles, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, somnolence, sleep attacks, impulse control disorders. |
| Apomorphine sublingual film | Kynmobi | DA agonist | | Mouth irritation or swelling, nausea, dizziness, sleepiness. |
| Rotigotine (transdermal patch) | Neupro | DA agonist | | Nausea, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, swelling of ankles, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, somnolence, sleep attacks, impulse control disorders. Neupro can cause a skin reaction. |
| Selegiline | Eldepryl | MAO-B inhibitor; inhibits breakdown of dopamine | | Selegiline can cause insomnia. Dizziness, nausea, gastrointestinal upset, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, headache. Note possible drug [interactions](https://d2icp22po6iej.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/APDA-Meds_to_Avoid.pdf). |
| Selegiline (orally disintegrating tablet) | Zelapar | MAO-B inhibitor; inhibits breakdown of dopamine | | Selegiline can cause insomnia. Dizziness, nausea, gastrointestinal upset, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, headache. Note possible drug [interactions](https://d2icp22po6iej.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/APDA-Meds_to_Avoid.pdf). |
| Rasagiline | Azilect | MAO-B inhibitor; inhibits breakdown of dopamine | | Dizziness, nausea, gastrointestinal upset, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, headache. Note possible drug [interactions](https://d2icp22po6iej.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/APDA-Meds_to_Avoid.pdf). |
| Safinamide | Xadago | MAO-B inhibitor; inhibits breakdown of dopamine | | Dizziness, nausea, gastrointestinal upset, dyskinesia, hallucinations, confusion, headache. Note possible drug [interactions](https://d2icp22po6iej.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/APDA-Meds_to_Avoid.pdf).Safinamide acts through multiple mechanisms of action. |
| Amantadine | Symmetrel | Mixed mechanisms, including NMDA antagonism | | Hallucinations, leg swelling, dizziness, mottled skin (livedo reticularis), confusion, dry mouth and eyes, constipation, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, somnolence.  Dose needs to be adjusted in renal disease. |
| Amantadine (extended release) | Gocovri | Mixed mechanisms, including NMDA antagonism | | Hallucinations, leg swelling, dizziness, mottled skin (livedo reticularis), confusion, dry mouth and eyes, constipation, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, somnolence.  Dose needs to be adjusted in renal disease. |
| Amantadine (extended release) | Osmolex | Mixed mechanisms, including NMDA antagonism | | Hallucinations, leg swelling, dizziness, mottled skin (livedo reticularis), confusion, dry mouth and eyes, constipation, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, somnolence.  Dose needs to be adjusted in renal disease. |
| Istradefylline | Nourianz | Adenosine 2A antagonist | | Dizziness, constipation, nausea, dyskinesia, hallucination and sleeplessness |
| Trihexyphenidyl | Artane | Anticholinergic | | Dry mouth and eyes, constipation, urinary retention, memory impairment, confusion, depression, hallucinations. |
| Benztropine | Cogentin | Anticholinergic | | Dry mouth and eyes, constipation, urinary retention, memory impairment, confusion, depression, hallucinations. |

COMT = Cathechol-o-methyltransferase  
DA = Dopamine  
DOPA = Dopamine  
MAO = Monoamino oxidase  
NMDA = N-methyl-D-aspartate

*\* The most common side effects are listed. Additional side effects should be discussed with your healthcare provider.*