

DRUG AND ALCOHOL INTERACTION

WHAT THE DRUG IS USED FOR	DRUG NAME (Some examples)	EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON DRUG
Anti-angina	Nicorandil, Nifedipine, Verapamil.	May further reduce blood pressure causing dizziness and/or other symptoms.
Anti-anxiety medication	Chlordiazepoxide, Diazepam, Lorazepam, Promazine	Increases the risk of sedation.
Anti alcohol dependence drugs	Disulfiram	Could have very unpleasant reactions examples: Throbbing headache, flushing of the face, palpitations, nausea and vomiting.
Antibacterial	Cefamandole, Metronidazole, Tinidazole	unpleasant reactions examples: Throbbing headache, palpitations, flushing of the face, nausea and vomiting.
Antibiotics	Cycloserine	Risk of seizures.
Anticoagulants	Warfarin	Increased risk of bleeding.
Anticonvulsant	Carbamazepine, Clonazepam, Gabapentin	Will increase sedative effects.
Antidiabetics	Insulin	Increased risk of hypoglycaemia.
	Chlorpropamide	May possibly increase the effect of this drug.
	Gliclazide	May upset diabetic control; increasing risk of hypoglycaemia.
	Sulphonylureas	Skin flushing or burning sensation.
Antiepileptics	Carbamazepine	May increase any Central Nervous System (CNS) side effects felt.
Antihistamines	Chlorphenamine, Promethazine	Increases the risk of sedation.
Antihypertensive	Atenolol, Captopril, Losartan, Methyldopa, Nifedipine	Fall in blood pressure, may increase the sedative properties.
	Clonidine, Indoramin	Increased the risk of sedation.
Antimuscarinics	Hyoscine	Increases the risk of sedation.
Antipsychotics	Chlorpromazine, Haloperidol, Quetiapine	Increases the risk of sedation.
Cannabis derivatives	Nabilone	Increases the risk of sedation.
Cytotoxics	Procarbazine	unpleasant reactions examples: Throbbing headache, palpitations, flushing of the face, nausea and vomiting.
Dopamine-boosters	Bromocriptine	Will reduce the tolerance of this drug.
General anaesthetics	Thiopental	Increases the risk of sedation.
Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)	Isocarboxazid, Phenzelzine	A dangerous fall in blood pressure with tyramine in red wine, A fall in blood pressure with other alcoholic drinks.
Muscle relaxants	Baclofen, Tizanidine	Increases the risk of sedation.
Opioid analgesics	Dihydrocodeine, Methadone, Morphine, Pethidine	Increased risk of sedation, a fall in blood pressure, coma, death.
Salicylates	Aspirin	Risk of stomach bleeding.
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs)	Citalopram, Paroxetine	Will probably increase the effects of the alcohol.
Sleeping drugs	Temazepam, Zopiclone	Increases the risk of sedation.
Tricyclic antidepressants	Amitriptyline, Dosulepin, Lofepamine	Increases the risk of sedation.