



MEDICATIONS TO USE WITH CAUTION

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Few patients consider visual symptoms as being related to their medicine. However, when you realize that your eyes are really just an extension of your brain, an organ which is extremely sensitive to many drugs, it is not surprising that vision can be impaired by a host of medications.

The National Registry of Drug-Induced Ocular Side Effects has published the following list of drugs which might be associated with macular degeneration. The drugs with more tenuous links to macular degeneration are followed by a question (?) mark. The generic name is in bold type and followed by various proprietary names from around the world.

If you have any questions or want more information about any drug on this list and its possible links to macular degeneration, talk to your prescribing physician and/or ophthalmologist. You may also want to discuss whether the use of a drug on this list outweighs the increased risk of side effects compared with other treatments. Be sure to mention any prescribed or over the counter medications and other supplements you're taking. Describe any side effects you may have experienced. Remember, no summary can take the place of careful discussions with your health care professionals.

Macular Edema

Acetazolamide

Defiltran (Fr.), Diamox, Diazol (S. Afr.), Didoc (Jap.), Diuramid (Pol.), Glaucomide (Austral.), Glau-pax (Swed.), Hydrazol

Allopurinol (?)

Bloxanth (Canad.), Epidropal (Germ.), Foligan (Germ.), Lopurin, Urosin (Germ.), Zyloprim, Zyloric (G.B.)

Aluminum Nicotinate

Nicalex

Betaxolol (?)

Betoptic

Broxyquinoline

Colipar (Fr.), Fenilor (Belg., Germ.)

Chymotrypsin (?)

Alpha Chymar, Alphacutanee (Fr.), Alphozyme (Fr.), Catarase, Chymar (G.B.), Chymar-Zon (G.B.), Enzeon, Kimopsin (Austral., Jap.), Quimotrased (Canad.), Zolyse, Zonulyin (Canad.), Zonulytin (G.B.)

Diclophenamide

Daranide, Oralcon (Swed.), Oratrol

Dipivefrin (?)

Propine

DPE (?)

Propine

Epinephrine

Adremad (Fr.), Adrenalin, Adrenaline (G.B.), Adrenatrate, Asmatane, Asmolin, Asthma Meter, Bronkaid, Dysne-Inhal (Canad.), Dyspne (Austral.), Glin-Epin (Austral.), Glycirenane (Germ.), Intranefrin (Canad.), Liadren (Ital.), Medihaler-Epi, Micronefrin, Primatene, Suprarenin, Sus-Phrine, Vaponefrin, Adrenaline (G.B.), E1/2, E2, Epifrin, Epinal, Epitrate, Eppy, Glaucon, Glauconin (Swed.), Glaufrin (Swed.), Lyophrin (G.B.), Mistura E, Mytrate, Simplene (G.B.)

Ethoxzolamide

Ethamide

Griseofulvin

Fulcin (G.B.), Fulvicin-P/G, Fulvicin-U/F, Grifulvin V, Grisactin, Grisefuline (Fr.), Grisovin (G.B.), Grisowen, Gris-PEG, Lamoryl (Swed.), Likuden M (Germ.)

Hexamethonium

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Indomethacin (Indometacin) (?)

Amuno (Germ.), Confortid (Swed.), Imbrilon (G.B.), Inacid (Span.), Indacin (Jap.), Indocid (G.B.), Indocin, Indomee (Swed.), Infrocin (Canad.), Metindol (Pol.), Mezolin (Jap.)

Iodide and Iodine Solutions and Compounds

Aqueous Iodine Solution (G.B.), Compound Iodine Solution, Iodex (G.B.), Jodex (Germ.), Lugol's Solution, Pima, Solute Iodo-Iodure Fort (Fr.), Strong Iodine Solution, Teinture d'Iode (Fr.), Trivajodan (Germ.), Weak Iodine Solution (G.B.), Iodine Solution

Iodochlorhydroxyquin

Budoform (Austral.), Chinoform (G.B.), Clioquinol (G.B.), Enteroquin (Austral.), Enteritan (Ital.), Entero-Valodon (G.B.), Entero-Vioform (G.B.), Iodochlorhydroxyquinoline (Ind.), Vioform

Iodoquinol (Diiodohydroxyquinoline)

Diiodohydroxyquin, Diodoquin, Direxiole (Austral., Fr.), Embequin (G.B.), Floraquin, Florequin (Swed.), Ioquin (Fr.), Moebiquin, Panaquin, Vaam-DHQ (Austral.), Yodoxin

Iothalamate Meglumine and/or Sodium

Angio-Conray, Cardio-Conray (Austral., G.B.), Conray, Contrix (Belg., Fr.), Cysto-Conray, Gastro-Conray (Austral., G.B.), Retro-Conray (Austral., G.B.), Sombril (Span.), Vascoray

Iothalamic Acid

Conray

Levobunolol (?)

Betagan

Methazolamide

Neptazane

Naproxen (?)

Anaprox, Naprosyn, Naxen (Mex.), Proxen (Aust., Germ., Switz.)

Niacin (Niconic Acid)

Acidemel (S. Afr.), Diacin, Efacin, Niac, Nicangin (Swed.), Nico-400, Nicobid, Nicocap, Nicalar, Niconacid (Germ.), Ni Cord, Nico-Span, Nicotinex, Nicyl (Fr.), NiSpan, SK-Niacin, Span Niacin, Vasotherm, Wampocap

Niacinamide

Nicamid (Switz.), Nicobion (Fr., Germ.), Nicotamide (Fr.)

Nicotinyl Alcohol

Roniacol

Phenylephrine (?)

Neo-Synephrine, Ak-Dilate, Ak-Nefrin, Alcon-Efrin, Degest (Austral., Canad.), Dilatair, Efricel, I-Care (Austral.), Isopto Frin, Isopto Phenylephrine (Austral.), Mistura D, Mydfrin, Neo-Synephrine, Ocu-Phrin, Ocugestrin, Prefrin, Tear-Efrin

Quinine

Bi-quinatate (Austral.), Coco-Quinine, Dentojel (Canad.), Quinamm, Quinate (Austral.), Quinbisan (Austral.), Quine, Quinsan (Austral.)

Radioactive iodides

Iodotope I-125, Iodotope I-131, Iodotope Therapeutic, Sodium Iodide (I-125), Sodium Iodide (I-131)

Tamoxifen

Nolvadex

Timolol (?)

Betim (G.B., Neth., Scand.), Blocadren, Blocanol (Fin.), Proflax (Arg.), Temserin

(Germ., Gr.), Timacor (Denm., Fr.), Timoptic, Timoptol (Austral., Fr., G.B., Neth., N.Z., S. Afr.)

Macular or Paramacular Degeneration

Allopurinol (?)

Bloxanth (Canad.), Epidropal (Germ.), Foligan (Germ.), Lopurin, Urosin (Germ.), Zylprim, Zyloric (G.B.)

Amodiaquinne

Basoquin (G.B.), Camoquin, Flavoquine (Fr.)

Broxyquinoline

Colipar (Fr.), Fenilor (Belg., Germ.)

Chloroquine

Aralen, Arechin (Pol.), Avoclor (G.B.), Chlorocon, Chlorquin (Austral.), Malaquin (Austral.), Malarex (Denm.), Malarivon (G.B.), Nivaquine (G.B.), Resochin (G.B.), Roquine, Siragan (Aust.), Tresochin (Swed.)

Clonidine (?)

Catapres, Catapresan (Germ., Swed.), Catapressan (Fr.), Dixarit (G.B.) Isoglaucon (Germ.)

Griseofulvin (?)

Fulcin (G.B.), Fulvicin-P/G, Fulvicin-U/F, Grifulvin V, Grisactin, Grisefuline (Fr.), Grisovin (G.B.), Grisowen, Gris-PEG, Lamoryl (Swed.), Likuden M (Germ.)

Hydroxychloroquine

Ercoquin (Norw., Swed.), Plaquenil, Plaquinol (Port.), Quensyl (Germ.)

Ibuprofen (?)

Advil, Algofen (Ital.), Amersol (Canad.), Andran (Jap.), Anflagen (Jap.), Apsifen (G.B.), Bluton (Jap.), Brufanic (Jap.), Brufen (Austral., Belg., Fr., G.B., Germ., Ital., Jap., Neth., S. Afr., Scand., Span., Swed., Switz.), Donjust B (Jap.), Ebufac (G.B.), Emodin (Arg.), Epobron (Jap.), Focus (Ital.), IB-100 (Jap.), Ibu-Slo (G.B.), Ibuprocin (Jap.), Inflamm (Austral.), Inza (S. Afr.), Lamidon (Jap.), Liptan (Jap.), Medipren, Motrin, Mynosedin (Jap.), Nagifen-D (Jap.), Napacetin (Jap.), Nobfelon (Jap.), Nobgen (Jap.), Nuprin, Pantrop (Jap.), Rebugen (Ital.), Roidenin (Jap.), Rufen, Trendar

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Iodoquinol

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Quinine

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