

Co-analgesic Medication Recommendations



Co-analgesic Medication Recommendations for Management of Neuropathic Pain in End of Life Care

Medication	Indication	Side Effects
TCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nortriptyline • desipramine 	PN (including chemotherapy and HIV induced PN) Central post-stroke NP PHN	Anticholinergic effects (dry mouth, urinary retention, constipation orthostatic hypotension) nortriptyline, desipramine have lower s/e profile compared to amitriptyline
SSNRIs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • duloxetine • venlafaxine 	PN, DPN	Nausea
Calcium Channel Ligands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabapentin • Pregabalin 	Radiculopathy PN,PHN Spinal cord injury/central pain Central post-stroke NP	Dizziness Sedation (to minimize s/e start low, titrate carefully) Pregabalin may provide analgesia more quickly
Topical Lidocaine 5% patch or gel	Well - localized PHN, PN, allodynia	Mild local reactions
Capsaicin Patch 8%	PHN, HIV neuropathy	Transient increases in pain, erythema at application site

PN – Peripheral Neuropathy
 DPN- Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy
 PHN – Post herpetic Neuralgia

