



## Pharmacologic Agents for Treatment of Depression

### SCAN Formulary Drugs

Medication	2024 Formulary Status		2025 Formulary Status		Daily Dosing	Adverse Drug Reactions
	Tier	UM	Tier	UM		
<b>Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRI)**</b>						
<i>citalopram tabs</i>	1		1		20 – 40 mg	Nausea, Insomnia, somnolence, dizziness, sexual side effects
<i>escitalopram</i>	2		2		10 – 20 mg	Tremors, insomnia, nervousness, dizziness, sexual side effects
<i>fluoxetine</i>	2		2		20-80 mg	Tremors, insomnia, nervousness, dizziness, sexual side effects
<i>paroxetine</i>	1		1		20-50 mg	Tremors, sedation, anorexia, nausea, increased sexual side effects
<i>paroxetine er</i>	2		4		25 – 62.5 mg	Tremors, sedation, anorexia, nausea, sexual side effects
<i>sertraline tabs</i>	1		1		50 – 200 mg	Tremors, insomnia, nausea, dizziness, sexual side effects
<i>vilazodone*</i>	3		3		40 mg	Tremors, insomnia, nervousness, dizziness



Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRI)						
DESVENLAFAXINE ER	4		4		50 – 100 mg	Headache, nausea, dry mouth, hyperhidrosis, insomnia, dizziness, somnolence, nausea, male sexual dysfunction disorder
<i>desvenlafaxine succinate er</i>	3		3		25 – 100 mg	Headache, nausea, dry mouth, hyperhidrosis, insomnia, dizziness, somnolence, nausea, male sexual dysfunction disorder
FETZIMA ( <i>levomilnacipran</i> )	4		4		20 – 120 mg	Nausea, constipation, hyperhidrosis, heart rate increase, male sexual dysfunction disorder, tachycardia, vomiting, palpitations
<i>venlafaxine ir</i>	2		2		37.5-375 mg	Nausea, headache, somnolence, dry mouth, dizziness, insomnia, abnormal sexual functions, blood pressure increase
<i>venlafaxine er caps</i>	2		2		37.5 – 225 mg	Nausea, dizziness, somnolence, abnormal sexual functions, insomnia, blood pressure increase
Secondary Amine Tricyclics (TCAs)						
<i>desipramine</i>	2		4	[PA]	25 – 300 mg	Tachycardia, insomnia/agitation, anticholinergic side effects
<i>nortriptyline</i>	2		4		75 – 150 mg	Weakness/fatigue, anticholinergic side effects



Antidepressants, Other						
AUVELITY* ( <i>bupropion hcl / dextromethorphan hydrobromide</i> )	5		5		105/45 – 210/90 mg	Diarrhea, xerostomia, headache, dizziness
<i>bupropion</i> *	2		2		200 – 450 mg	Dry mouth, agitation, dizziness, headache, tremors, excessive sweating, insomnia, nausea, vomiting
<i>bupropion sr</i> *	2		2		150 – 400 mg	Dry mouth, agitation, dizziness, headache, tremors, excessive sweating, insomnia, nausea, vomiting
<i>bupropion xl 150-300mg</i> *	2		2		150 – 300 mg	Dry mouth, agitation, dizziness, headache, tremors, excessive sweating, insomnia, nausea, vomiting
<i>bupropion xl 450 mg</i> *	3		3		450 mg	Dry mouth, agitation, dizziness, headache, tremors, excessive sweating, insomnia, nausea, vomiting
<i>mirtazapine/ mirtazapine odt</i> *	1		1		15 – 45 mg	Sedation, weight gain, increased appetite, dizziness, low rate of sexual side effects in males and females
<i>nefazodone</i>	2		2		200 – 600 mg	Headache, sedation, dry mouth, nausea, dizziness, insomnia, hepatotoxicity, low rate of sexual side effects in males and females
<i>trazodone</i>	1		1		150 – 400 mg	Sedation, headache, dry mouth, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, blurred vision
TRINTELLIX ( <i>vortioxetine</i> )*	4		4		5 – 20 mg	Nausea, constipation, vomiting

Brand-name drugs are capitalized and generic drugs are listed in lower-case italics.

[PA] = Prior Authorization

\*Antidepressants with the lowest rate of sexual side effects. [mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/depression/expert-answers/antidepressants/faq-20058104](https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/depression/expert-answers/antidepressants/faq-20058104)

\*\*SSRI: citalopram and sertraline are also available as a solution or concentrate respectively and are Tier 2 for the Part D formulary.



## Depression Guideline References

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