


Safe & Contraindicated Medications

	Safe Medications	Medications to Avoid
Antipsychotics	<p>Pimavanserin (Nuplazid) Quetiapine (Seroquel) Clozapine (Clozaril)</p> <p>After non-drug de-escalation or re-direction and addressing underlying causes:</p> <p>For acute agitation: A low dose of benzodiazepine may be needed.</p> <p>For hyperactive delirium: Stop unnecessary deliriogenic medications, consider quetiapine. Parenteral benzodiazepines may be needed for safety. Limit repeat use to avoid worsening confusion.</p>	<p>Haloperidol (Haldol) and other typical antipsychotics. Atypical antipsychotics not listed in the "safe" column, such as olanzapine (Zyprexa), risperidone (Risperdal) and aripiprazole (Abilify).</p>
Anesthesia & Pain Medication	<p>Consult with the patient's PD doctor or hospital neurologist, surgeon and anesthesiologist to determine best treatment plan.</p> <p>Local or regional anesthesia usually have fewer side effects than general anesthesia for people with PD and should be used as an alternative when appropriate.</p>	<p>Beware of mixing MAO-B inhibitors with these pain medications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morphine • Hydrocodone +/- acetaminophen (Norco) • Oxycodone +/- acetaminophen (Percocet) • Fentanyl • Tramadol (Ultram) • Methadone • Cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)
Gastrointestinal (GI) & Nausea Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ondansetron (Zofran) • Dolasetron (Anzemet) • Granisetron (Kytril) • Aprepitant (Emend) • Trimethobenzamide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prochlorperazine (Compazine) • Metoclopramide (Reglan) • Promethazine (Phenergan) • Droperidol (Inapsine)

 **Caution:** Benzodiazepines, muscle relaxants, bladder control medications and other drugs for sleep and pain may lead to confusion, hallucinations, falls and other symptoms. Also, though most antidepressants are safe to use, amoxapine (Asendin) may worsen movement symptoms.


PD Medications for Movement Symptoms

- Medications, even in the same class, are usually not interchangeable.
- Patients should be allowed to supply their own medications if not on formulary.
- Scan QR code or visit Parkinson.org/Medications for PD medication information.



If the patient has a deep brain stimulation (DBS) device or uses a medication device:

- Review specific imaging requirements.
- Use patient-supplied medication if it is not available through the hospital pharmacy.
- Contact the patient's Parkinson's doctor or device manufacturer for more information.

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