

Many Medications Cause Dry Mouth

The medications listed below as “Worst Offenders” have the greatest potential of causing dry mouth.

WORST OFFENDERS	ALSO CAUSE DRY MOUTH	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antianxiety agents • Antidepressants • Antihistamines • Antipsychotics • Diuretics • Parkinson’s disease medications • Urinary incontinence agents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antiacne agents • Anticonvulsants • Antidiarrheal agents • Antidysrhythmics • Antinausea agents • Anorexiant • Antacids • Bronchodilators • Decongestants • High blood pressure medications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscle relaxants • Narcotic analgesics • Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs • Opioid analgesics • Sedatives • Smoking-cessation agents

Source: American Academy of Oral Medicine

Top 20 Medications Prescribed in 2013 & Oral Side Effects

Drug name	Purpose	Oral side effect(s)
Hydrocodone	Narcotic analgesic	Dry mouth
Levothyroxine Sodium	Hypothyroidism	
Lisinopril	Blood pressure, heart failure	
Lipitor®	Cholesterol-lowering	Dry mouth
Zocor® (simvastatin)	Cholesterol-lowering	
Plavix® (clopidogrel)	Blood thinner	Ulcers, sores, or white spots in the mouth
Singulair® (montelukast)	Asthma and allergies	Dental pain
Azithromycin (oral)	Antibiotic	Dry mouth
Crestor® (rosuvastatin)	Cholesterol-lowering	Dry mouth, unpleasant breath odor
Nexium® (esomeprazole)	Heartburn, gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD)	
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Metoprolol Tartrate	Beta blocker for heart disease	

Synthroid	Synthetic thyroid hormone	
Lexapro® (escitalopram)	Depression and anxiety	Dry mouth
Proair HFA	Asthma	
Ibuprofen (Rx)	Pain	Dry mouth
Trazodone HCl	Depression and anxiety	Dry mouth
Amoxicillin	Antibiotic	Dry mouth
Omeprazole (Rx)	Heartburn, stomach ulcers, gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD)	
Advair Diskus (fluticasone or salmeterol)	Asthma or COPD	Dry mouth or white patches inside mouth
Cymbalta (duloxetine)	Depression, anxiety, fibromyalgia, diabetic neuropathy, pain	Dry mouth