

Many Medications Cause Dry Mouth

Both prescription and over the counter medications may cause dry mouth. It has been reported that taking more than one medication with dry mouth as a side effect increases one's probability of experiencing dry mouth and/or its severity.

Worst Offenders	May Also Cause Dry Mouth	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antianxiety agents • Antidepressants • Antihistamines • Antipsychotics • Diuretics • Parkinson's 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)
1. Acetaminophen/hydrocodone	Narcotic analgesic	Dry mouth
2. Levothyroxine (Levothroid®, Levoxyl®, Synthroid®, Unithroid®)	Hypothyroidism	
3. Lisinopril (Prinivil®, Zestril®)	Blood pressure, heart failure	
4. Metoprolol (Lopressor®, Toprol®)	Beta blocker for heart disease	Dry mouth
5. Simvastatin (Zocor®)	Cholesterol-lowering	
6. Amlodipine (Amvaz®, Norvasc)	High blood pressure; chest pain	
7. Metformin (Fortamet®, Glucophage®, Glumetza®, Riomet®)	Diabetes	
8. Omeprazole (Prilosec®)	Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)	
9. Rosuvastatin (Crestor®)	Cholesterol-lowering	
10. Albuterol (Proventil®, Ventolin®, Volmax®, VoSpire®)	Athsma; COPD	Dry mouth
11. Amoxicillin (Amoxil®, Dispermox®, Larotid®, Moxtag®, Polymox®, Trimox®, Wymox®)	Antibiotic	
12. Hydrochlorothiazide (Esidrix®, Hydrodiuril®, Microzide®, Oretic®, Zide®)	High blood pressure, water retention	
13. Alprazolam (Alprazolam Intensol, Niravam®, Xanax®)	Anxiety	Dry mouth
14. Azithromycin (Zithromax®)	Antibiotic	
15. Fluticasone-oral inhalation (Flovent® HFA)	Asthma or COPD	Irritated throat; white patches inside mouth
16. Furosemide (Lasix®)	Water retention	
17. Gabapentin (Horizant®, Neurontin®)	Epilepsy	Dry mouth; sore throat
18. Setraline (Zoloft®)	Depression	Dry mouth
19. Zolpidem (Ambien®, Edluar®, Intermezzo®, Zolpimist®)	Insomnia	Dry mouth or throat
20. Tramadol (Conzip®, Rybix®, Ryzolt®, Ultram®)	Pain	Dry mouth

Source: IMS Health, National Prescription Audit, Dec 2013