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## Amitriptyline (By mouth)

**am-i-TRIP-ti-leen**Treats [depression](#). This medicine is a TCA.

### Drug classes

Antidepressant, Urinary Enuresis Agent ([About this - PubMed Health](#))

### Uses

#### Uses of This Medicine

[Amitriptyline](#) is used to treat symptoms of [depression](#). It works on the [central nervous system](#) (CNS) to increase levels of certain chemicals in the [brain](#). This medicine is a tricyclic antidepressant (TCA).

This medicine is available only with your doctor's prescription.

**Other uses** (PubMed Health)

### How To Use

#### Tablet

Take your medicine as directed. Your dose may need to be changed several times to find what works best for you.

This medicine should come with a Medication Guide. Ask your pharmacist for a copy if you do not have one.

Store the medicine in a closed container at room temperature, away from heat, moisture, and direct light.

**Missed dose:** Take a dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then and take a regular dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up for a missed dose.

### Drugs and Foods to Avoid

Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicine, including over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and herbal products.

Do not use this medicine with cisapride. Do not use this medicine and an MAO [inhibitor](#) (MAOI) within 14 days of each other.

Some medicines and foods can affect how [amitriptyline](#) works. Tell your doctor if you are using [cimetidine](#), [disulfiram](#), or [guanethidine](#). Tell your doctor if you are using other medicine for [depression](#) (such as [fluoxetine](#), [paroxetine](#), [sertraline](#)), a phenothiazine medicine (such as [promethazine](#), [chlorpromazine](#)), medicine for [heart](#) rhythm problems (such as [flecainide](#), [propafenone](#), [quinidine](#)), or [thyroid](#) medicine.

Tell your doctor if you use anything else that makes you sleepy. Some examples are [allergy](#) medicine, narcotic pain medicine, and alcohol.

### When Not To Use

This medicine is not right for everyone. Do not use if you had an allergic reaction to [amitriptyline](#).

### Warnings

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you have [liver](#) disease, [heart](#) disease, [diabetes](#), narrow-angle [glaucoma](#), a [seizure disorder](#), a [thyroid](#)

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