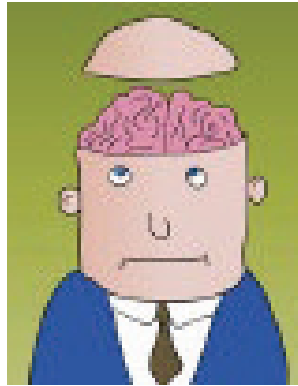


Anti-Depressants: **Other**



Examples: Wellbutrin - a norepinephrine re-uptake inhibitor

Effexor - a combination norepinephrine and serotonin re-uptake inhibitor

Cymbalta - a combination norepinephrine and serotonin re-uptake inhibitor

Used To Treat: Anxiety and depression as well as panic and obsessive-compulsive behavior. Cymbalta has also been used to treat neuropathic pain (this is pain secondary to diabetes, nutritional abnormalities or other neurologic diseases).

How They Works: We believe that they work by inhibiting the re-uptake of the neurotransmitters and therefore increase the amount of these neurotransmitters available at the receptor in the brain to be recognized and to be effective

Side Effects: These medications may cause a change in weight and appetite, drowsiness, tremor, headache and a change in sexual behavior. Sometimes, they cause headache. They often cause dry mouth. Of import, the body can auto-regulate and become less sensitive to these drugs. Stopping the drug for a short period of time or changing to another drug will allow the receptor to become more sensitive again and the initial drug of choice will again be effective. These drugs may take 4-6 weeks to reach their full effectiveness.

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What is Depression?

Depression and all obsessive-compulsive disorders including smoking and eating disorders seem to all center on a lack of focus. The person experiencing panic, anxiety or any obsession can't seem to focus on "life" and the day-to-day necessities. These drugs are not "happy" pills but are more about allowing the patient to focus better and to get back into a more productive life-style. Some say that the medications are numbing. That is probably because the hyper-ness that is often associated with any obsession is dulled. That is theoretically a good thing if daily function is the goal.

