

## Medications Commonly Associated with Adverse Drug Withdrawal Events (ADWEs)\*

Medications <sup>15-21</sup>	Type of Withdrawal Reaction	Withdrawal Event
Alpha-antagonist antihypertensives	P	Agitation, headache, hypertension, palpitations
Angiotensin converting-enzyme inhibitors	P, D	Heart failure, hypertension
Antianginals	D	Angina (myocardial ischemia)
Anticonvulsants	P, D	Anxiety, depression, seizures
Antidepressants	P, D	Akathisia, anxiety, chills, coryza, gastrointestinal distress, headache, insomnia, irritability, malaise, myalgia, recurrence of depression
Antiparkinson agents	P, D, N	Hypotension, psychosis, pulmonary embolism, rigidity, tremor
Antipsychotics	P	Dyskinesias, insomnia, nausea, restlessness
Baclofen	P, N	Agitation, anxiety, confusion, depression, hallucinations, hypertonia, insomnia, mania, nightmares, paranoia, seizures
Benzodiazepines	P	Agitation, anxiety, confusion, delirium, insomnia, seizures
Beta-blockers	P, D	Angina, anxiety, hypertension, myocardial infarction, tachycardia
Corticosteroids	P, N	Anorexia, hypotension, nausea, weakness
Digoxin	D	Heart failure, palpitations
Diuretics	D	Heart failure, hypertension
Histamine-2 blockers	D	Recurrence of esophagitis and indigestion symptoms
Narcotic analgesics	P	Abdominal cramping, anger, anxiety, chills, diaphoresis, diarrhea, insomnia, restlessness
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	D	Recurrence of arthritis and gout symptoms
Sedative/hypnotics (e.g., barbiturates)	P	Anxiety, dizziness, muscle twitches, tremor
Statins	D, N	Cardiogenic shock, early neurological deterioration, heart failure, myocardial infarction, ventricular arrhythmia

Abbreviations: P, physiological withdrawal; D, exacerbation of underlying condition; N, new set of symptoms.