

## Carbamazepine & Oxcarbazepine

Carbamazepine and oxcarbazepine are both anticonvulsant medications that are used to treat epilepsy and certain types of nerve pain. They work by blocking voltage-gated sodium channels in the brain, which reduces the abnormal electrical activity that causes seizures and pain. They are also used to treat focal seizures and trigeminal neuralgia.

The most common side effects of these medications include drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, and vomiting. Some people may also experience skin rashes or allergic reactions.

Carbamazepine and oxcarbazepine can interact with other medications, so it's important to let your healthcare provider know about all the medications you are taking. They may also need to monitor your blood levels of the medication to ensure that you are receiving the right dose. Monitoring of the salts in the blood is also necessary to make sure they are not affected adversely by the medications.

If you are taking carbamazepine or oxcarbazepine, you should not drink alcohol, as it can increase the risk of side effects and may also reduce the effectiveness of the medication.

Overall, carbamazepine and oxcarbazepine are effective medications for treating epilepsy and nerve pain, but they require careful monitoring by your healthcare provider to ensure that they are being used safely and effectively.