



Depression Medication Table

Medication Name	Dose Schedule	Side Effects
Fluoxetine (Prozac) For ages 8 and older	Start daily test dose for 1-2 weeks of 5 mg for age 12 or 10 mg for age 12+	Common: nausea, insomnia, drowsiness, dry mouth, weight changes, sexual dysfunction
	If test dose tolerated, increase to target daily dose of 10 mg for< age 12 or fluoxetine 20 mg for age 12+	Uncommon: increased anxiety, sweating, tremors, diarrhea Rare: suicidal ideation, worsening depression, agitation, mania
Escitalopram (Lexapro) For ages 12 and older	Start daily test dose for 1-2 weeks of 5 mg for age 12+ If test dose tolerated, increase to target daily dose of 10 mg for age 12+	 Common: nausea, insomnia, drowsiness, dry mouth, weight changes, sexual dysfunction Uncommon: increased anxiety, sweating, tremors, diarrhea Rare: suicidal ideation, worsening depression, agitation, mania
Sertaline (Zoloft) *Evidence based medicine supports this medication	Start daily test dose for 1-2 weeks of 12.5 mg for age 12 or sertraline 25 mg for age 12+ If test dose tolerated, increase to target daily dose of 25 mg for< age 12 or sertraline 50 mg for age 12+	 Common: nausea, insomnia, drowsiness, dry mouth, weight changes, sexual dysfunction Uncommon: increased anxiety, sweating, tremors, diarrhea Rare: suicidal ideation, worsening depression, agitation, mania