

Drug-Induced Nutrient Depletion and Vitamin Interactions Chart

| Drug Category | Common Brand Examples | Nutrients Depleted | Additional Information |
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| Antacids | Pepcid, Tagamet, Prevacid, Prilosec, Gaviscon, Maalox, Mylanta | Vitamin B1, B9, B12, D, Calcium, Chromium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Zinc | Depletion due to reduced stomach acid production and nutrient malabsorption. |
| Antibiotics | Gentamycin, Neomycin, Streptomycin, Cephalosporins, Penicillins, Tetracyclines | B Vitamins, Good Intestinal Flora, Calcium, Magnesium, Iron, Zinc | Prolonged use affects gut microbiome, impacting nutrient absorption. |
| Anti-Diabetic Drugs | Metformin (Glucophage) | Vitamin B12, Folic Acid | Risk of deficiency increases with long-term use. |
| Antidepressants | Amitriptyline (Elavil), Nortriptyline (Pamelor) | Coenzyme Q10 | May also contribute to metabolism issues. |
| Anti-Inflammatories | Aspirin, Advil, Aleve, Naprosyn, Motrin, Cortisone, Prednisone | Vitamin B6, C, K, Folic Acid, Iron, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Zinc | Steroidal and non-steroidal varieties have distinct nutrient depletion effects. |
| Pain Relievers | Acetaminophen (Tylenol) | Vitamin B6, C, Iron, Potassium, Coenzyme Q10 | Prolonged use may exacerbate nutrient depletion. |
| Cardiovascular Drugs | Clonidine (Catapres), Nadolol (Corgard), Propranolol (Inderal), Metoprolol (Lopressor), Sotalol (Betapace) | Vitamin B6, Coenzyme Q10, Melatonin | Depletion can affect heart and cellular energy function. |
| Diuretics | Furosemide (Lasix), Bumetanide (Bumex), Hydrochlorothiazide (Microzide) | Potassium, Sodium, Vitamins B1, B6, C, Magnesium, Calcium, Zinc, | Monitor electrolytes closely due to fluid loss. |
| Statins & Cholesterol- Lowering Agents | Fluvastatin (Lescol), Atorvastatin (Lipitor), Lovastatin (Mevacor), Simvastatin (Zocor), Rosuvastatin (Crestor), Cholestyramine (Questran) | Coenzyme Q10, Vitamins A, D, E, Folic Acid, Iron | Co-Q10 depletion linked to muscle pain and fatigue. |
| Diet Aids | Orlistat (Alli) | Vitamins A, D, E, K, Omega-3, Omega-6 | Fat-soluble vitamins and essential fatty acids are significantly impacted. |

| Vitamin A Interactions | Retinoids (isotretinoin, acitretin) | Risk of toxicity: nausea, dizziness, | Avoid concurrent use to prevent |
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| | | blurred vision | toxicity. |
| Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine) | Levodopa, Phenytoin | Decreased efficacy in Parkinson's | Combine with carbidopa or adjust |
| Interactions | | symptoms, seizure risk | dosage. |
| Vitamin E Interactions | Warfarin | Increased risk of bleeding | Avoid doses >800 IU/day of Vitamin E. |
| Vitamin K Interactions | Warfarin | Decreased efficacy, risk of thromboembolism | Maintain consistent vitamin K intake. |
| Niacin Interactions | HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (Statins) | Risk of myopathy or rhabdomyolysis | Avoid self-treatment with niacin. |
| Folic Acid Interactions | Methotrexate | Prevents adverse events or toxicity | Supplementation recommended for methotrexate users. |
| Calcium Interactions | Fluoroquinolones, Tetracyclines, | Decreased efficacy of antibiotics | Separate doses by at least four |
| | Levothyroxine | and thyroid medications | hours. |
| Aluminum and | Fluoroquinolones, Tetracyclines, | Decreased medication efficacy | Separate doses by at least two |
| Magnesium Interactions | Bisphosphonates | | hours. |
| Iron Interactions | Fluoroquinolones, Tetracyclines, | Decreased efficacy of | Separate doses by at least two |
| | Methyldopa | medications, hypertension | hours. |
| | | worsening | |
| Potassium Interactions | ACE inhibitors, ARBs, Digoxin, Diuretics | Risk of hyperkalemia | Risk of hyperkalemia |
| Magnesium Interactions | Calcium Channel Blockers, Diabetes | Increased absorption or reduced | Separate supplementation from |
| | Medications, Lanoxin, Levothyroxine | medication efficacy | medication intake. |
| Vitamin C Interactions | Chemotherapy, Nitrates, Estrogen | Decreased efficacy or increased | Monitor supplementation in |
| | Therapies | estrogen levels | specific therapies to avoid adverse effects. |

