

OXCARBAZEPINE (Trileptal) Side Effects:

Most common: dizziness, sleepiness, headache, lack of muscle control (ataxia), nausea, vomiting.

Serious but rare: potentially serious, sometimes fatal, dermatologic reactions (eg, Stevens-Johnson, toxic epidermal necrolysis). Severely low sodium (hyponatremia). Rare cases of severe allergy (anaphylaxis and angioedema) even after initial dosing. Permanently discontinue should symptoms occur.

Pregnancy: May cause less birth defects than carbamazepine; a Danish study showed no increased risk of major birth defect. However, data with oxcarbazepine are limited.

This is a simplified list of side effects focusing on what is common or severe because complete lists of more rare and less serious side effects are often overwhelming. If desired, complete lists of potential side effects can be found on reputable web sites like Drugs.com.