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Generic Name	Trade Name	Approved Use (if any)	Unapproved/ Investigational Use
Gabapentin	Neurontin	 Management of postherpetic neuralgia Adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial seizures with and without secondary generalization in patients over the age of 12 with epilepsy Adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial seizures in pediatric patients age 3–12 	Treatment of diabetic neuropathy and fibromyalgia
Amitriptyline	Elavil	Relief of symptoms of depression	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy, fibromyalgia, and low back pain
Imipramine	Tofranil	Relief of symptoms of depression	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy, fibromyalgia, and low back pain
Nortriptyline	Aventyl	Relief of symptoms of depression	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy, fibromyalgia, and low back pain
Desipramine	Norpramin	Treatment of depression	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy, fibromyalgia, and low back pain
Lidocaine patch 5%	Lidoderm	• Relief of pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia	Treatment of diabetic neuropathy
Carbamazepine	Carbatrol	 Use as an anticonvulsant drug Treatment of pain associated with true trigeminal neuralgia 	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy
Lamotrigine	Lamictal	 Adjuvant therapy in patients ≥2 years of age in epilepsy patients with partial seizures, primary generalized tonic- clonic seizures, and generalized seizures of Lennox-Gestaut syndrome Monotherapy in patients with epilepsy ≥18 years of age Maintenance therapy in patients ≥18 years of age with bipolar I disorder 	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy

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Buproprion	Wellbutrin	 Treatment of major depressive disorder Prevention of seasonal affective disorder 	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy
Citalopram	Celexa	• Indicated for the treatment of depression	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy
Memantine	Namenda	• Treatment of moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy
Mexilitine	Mexitil	• Treatment of documented ventricular arrhythmias	• Treatment of diabetic neuropathy