

Drugs Reported to Cause Photosensitivity Reactions

(This is not an exhaustive list of all potentially photosensitizing drugs)

Acne Meds/Skin Agents

benzocaine (Americaine)
coal tar
hexachlorophene (PHisoHex)
isotretinoin (Accutane)
methoxsalen (Uvadex, Oxsoralen)
minoxidil (Rogaine)
Sunscreen Agents: PABA, cinnamates, benzophenones
tacrolimus (Prograf, Protopic)
tazarotene (Tazorac)
tretinoin (Retin-A)

Antidepressants

amitriptyline (Elavil)
amoxapine (Asendin)
bupropion (Wellbutrin)
citalopram (Celexa)
clomipramine (Anafranil)
desipramine (Norpramin)
doxepin (Sinequan)
escitalopram (Lexapro)
fluoxetine (Prozac, Sarafem)
fluvoxamine (Luvox)
imipramine (Tofranil)
isocarboxazid (Marplan)
maprotiline (Ludiomil)
protriptyline (Vivactil)
mirtazapine (Remeron)
nefazodone (Serzone)
nortriptyline (Pamelor)
paroxetine (Paxil)
Phenelzine (Nardil)
sertraline (Zoloft)
trazadone (Desyrel)
trimipramine (Surmontil)
venlafaxine (Effexor)

Antiparasitic

bithionol
chloroquine (Aralen phosphate)
Pyrantel pamoate
thiabendazole (Mintezol)
quinine (Qualaquin)

Antihistamines

azatadine (Optimine)
cetirizine (Zyrtec)
clemastine (Contact 12-hr Allergy)
cyproheptadine (Periactin)
diphenhydramine (Benedryl)
loratadine (Claritin)
promethazine (Phenergan)
Trimeprazine
tripelennamine (PBZ)

Diuretics

acetazolamide (Diamox)
amiloride (Midamor)
bendroflumethiazide (Naturetin)
benzthiazide (Exna)
chlorothiazide (Diuril)
furosemide (Lasix)
hydrochlorothiazide (Aquazide, Microzide)
hydroflumethiazide (Diucardin)
hydrolumethiazide (Saluron)
indapamide (Lozol)
methyclothiazide (Enduron)
metolazone (Zaroxolyn)
metolazone (Zytanix)
polythiazide (Renese)
quinethazone (Hydromox)
triamterene (Dyrenium)
Trichlormethiazide

Antiepileptics, Sedative,

Muscle Relaxants

alprazolam (Xanax)
carbamazepine (Tegretol)
chlordiazepoxide (Librium)
diazepam (Valium)
felbamate (Felbatol)
gabapentin (Neurontin)
lamotrigine (Lamictal)
meprobamate (Miltown)
oxcarbazepine (trileptal)
phenobarbital (Solfoton)
phenytoin (Dilantin)
topiramate (Topamax)
valporic acid (Depakene)
zaleplon (Sonata)
zolpidem (Ambien)

Antibiotics, Antivirals,

Antifungals,

Antimalarials

acyclovir (Zovirax)
amantadine (Symmetrel)
azithromycin (Zithromax)
capreomycin (Capastat)
cefazolin (Ancef)
ceftazidime (Fortaz)
ciprofloxacin (Cipro)
clofazimine (Lamprene)
cycloserine (Seromycin)
Dapsone
demeclocycline (Decomycin)
doxycycline (Vibramycin)
enoxacin (Penetrex)
ethionamide (Trecator-SC)
flucytosine (Ancobon)
gemifloxacin (Factive)
griseofulvin (Fulvicin, Gris-PEG)
griseofulvin (Grifulvin)
ketoconazole (Nizoral)
levofloxacin (Levaquin)
lomefloxacin (Maxaquin)
methacycline (Rondomycin)
metronidazole (Flagyl)
minocycline (Dynacin)
minocycline (Minocin)
moxifloxacin (Avelox)
nalidixic acid (NegGram)
narfloxacin (Noroxin)
ofloxacin (Floxin)
oxytetracycline (Terramycin)
pyrimethamine (Daraprim)
pyrimethamine/ sulfadoxine (Fansidar)
Pyrazinamide
ritonavir (Nirvir)
saquinavir (Fortovase, Invirase)
sulfasalazine (Azulfidine)
sulfisoxazole (Gantrisin)
terconazole (Terazol)
tetracycline (Achromycin)
trimethprim (Bactrim)
voriconazole (VFEND)
zalcitabine (Hivid)

Analgesic Agents

celecoxib (Celebrex)
cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)
dantrolene (Dantrium)
diclofenac (Voltaren, Cataflam)
etodolac (Lodine)
fenoprofen (Nalfon)
flurbiprofen (Ansaid)
ibuprofen (Motrin)
idomethacin (Indocin)
meclofenamate (Meclomen)
ketoprofen (Orudis)
mefenamic acid (Ponstel)
meloxicam (Mobic)
nabumetone (Relafen)
naproxen (Anaprox)
oxaprozin (Daypro)
piroxicam (Feldene)
rofecoxib (Vioxx)
sulindac (Clinoril)
sumatriptan (Imitrex)
valdecoxib (Bextra)

Antipsychotics

chlorpromazine (Thorazine)
clozapine (Clozaril)
fluphenazine (Prolixin)
haloperidol (Haldol)
laxapine (Loxitane)
olanzapine (Zyprexa)
perphenazine (Trilafon)
prochlorperazine (Compazine)
quetiapine (Seroquel)
risperidone (Risperdal)
trifluoperazine (Stelazine)
thioflupromazine (Vesprin)
thioridazine (Mellaril)
thiothixene (Navane)
ziprasidone (Geodon)

Antineoplastics

bexarotene (Targretin)
capecitabine (Xeloda)
chlorambucil (Leukeran)
cyclophosphamide (Endoxan)
dacarbazine (DTIC)
epirubicin (Ellence)
flurouracil (5-FU)
flutamide (Eulexin)
hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil)
interferon alfa (Intron A, Alferon-N)
mercaptopurine (Purinethol)
methotrexate (Mexate)
pentostatin (Nipent)
procarbazine (Matulane)
thalidomide (Thalomid)
thioguanine (Tabloid)
tretinoin oral (Vesanoid)
vinblastine (Velban, Velbe)

Cardiovascular

Amiodarone (Cordarone, Pacerone)
atenolol (Tenormin)
bendroflumethiazide (Corzide)
captopril (Capoten)
chlorthalidone (Thalitone)
clopidogrel (Plavix)
crystodigin (Digitoxin)
diltiazem (Cardizem, Tiazac)
disopyramide (Norpace)
enalapril (Vasotec)
fenofibrate (Tricor)
fluvastatin (Lescol)
lovastatin (Mevacor)
methyldopa (Aldomet)
minoxidil (Loniten)
nifedipine (Adalat, Procardia)
pravastatin (Pravachol)
propranolol (Inderal)
Quinidine gluconate/sulfate
simvastatin (Zocor)
sotalol (Betapace)
verapamil (Calan)

Antidiabetic

acetohehexamide (Dymelor)
chlorpropamide (Diabinese)
glimepiride (Amaryl)
glipizide (Glucotrol)
glyburide (Diabeta, Micronase)
tolazamide (Tolinase)
tolbutamide (Orinase)

Others

Benzocaine
Bergamot oil
Bitter orange
Chlorella
Clofibrate
Dong Quai
Etretinate
Gmethylcoumarin (used in perfumes, lotions, ect)
Gold salts
Gossypol
Gotukola
Hexachlorophene
Lovastatin
Oil of citron, lavender, lime, sandalwood
Oral contraceptive
St. John's Wort
Vitamin A
Vitamin B₆ (pyridoxine)