

Important Drug Interactions and Warnings

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Interaction: Carbamazepine and

▶ Depakote (Valproic Acid/Divalproex Sodium)

- Carbamazepine can lower Depakote levels, potentially reducing its therapeutic effectiveness.
- Depakote can affect Carbamazepine levels, potentially leading to either increased or decreased carbamazepine concentrations.
- Unpredictable Effects: The interaction between these drugs can be complex and unpredictable, potentially affecting the levels of both medications.

Interaction: Depakote and Lamotrigine

- Valproic acid inhibits the metabolism of lamotrigine, leading to increased lamotrigine blood levels.
- Increased lamotrigine levels can raise the risk of severe skin rashes, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)
- Lamotrigine significantly decreases the plasma concentration of Depakote (Valproic Acid).

Folate (Folic Acid)

- Mood stabilizers, such as lamotrigine and valproate, can also interfere with folate metabolism.
- Folate deficiency can disrupt mood stabilizer effectiveness and affect brain function, impacting neurotransmitter synthesis.

Folate (Folic Acid) Continued

- Oral contraceptive use can interfere with folate metabolism, potentially leading to reduced blood folate levels.
- This can be a concern, particularly for women who become pregnant soon after stopping oral contraceptives, as adequate folate is crucial for fetal development.