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- Drowsiness or fatigue
- Dry mouth
- Constipation
- Headache
- Mood changes or irritability
- Sexual dysfunction

Some addiction medications, such as methadone or buprenorphine, can also be addictive themselves if not used as directed. However, when used as part of a medication-assisted treatment program under the guidance of a healthcare provider, these medications can be effective in reducing cravings and preventing relapse.

Overall, addiction medicine can have side effects, but the benefits of treatment generally outweigh the risks. Individuals considering addiction medication should discuss the potential side effects with their healthcare provider and carefully follow their treatment plan.

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Addiction medicine is a specialized field of medicine that focuses on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of substance use disorders. Addiction medicine specialists use a multidisciplinary approach to address the physical, psychological, and social aspects of addiction.

Addiction medicine can involve several types of medications, including those used to manage withdrawal symptoms, reduce cravings, treat co-occurring mental health conditions, reverse overdoses, and deter substance use. These medications are often used in combination with counselling and behavioral therapies to provide a comprehensive approach to treating substance use disorders.

While addiction medicine can have side effects, the benefits of treatment generally outweigh the risks. Addiction medicine can help individuals overcome addiction and achieve long-term recovery. It's important for individuals considering addiction medication to discuss the potential benefits and risks with their healthcare provider and carefully follow their treatment plan.