

Function	Name (Generic/Brand)	Indicated For	Common Side Effects
Slows disease progression	Aducanumab (Aduhelm)	Alzheimer disease (MCI or mild dementia)	Headache and fall
	Lecanemab (Leqembi)	Alzheimer disease (MCI or mild dementia)	Infusion-related reactions and headache
Treats cognitive symptoms (memory and thinking)	Donepezil (Aricept)	Mild to severe dementia due to Alzheimer disease	Nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, muscle cramps, and increased frequency of bowel movements
	Galantamine (Razadyne)	Mild to moderate dementia due to Alzheimer disease	Nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, and increased frequency of bowel movements
	Rivastigmine (Exelon)	Mild to moderate dementia due to Alzheimer or Parkinson disease	Nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, and increased frequency of bowel movements
	Memantine (Namenda)	Moderate to severe dementia due to Alzheimer disease	Headache, constipation, confusion, and dizziness
	Memantine + Donepezil (Namzaric)	Moderate to severe dementia due to Alzheimer disease	Nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, increased frequency of bowel movements, headache, constipation, confusion, and dizziness
Treats noncognitive symptoms (behavioral and psychological)	Brexipiprazole (Rexulti)	Agitation associated with dementia due to Alzheimer disease	Weight gain, sleepiness, dizziness, common cold symptoms, and restlessness or feeling the need to move Warning for serious side effects: Increased risk of death in older adults with dementia-related psychosis. Rexulti is not approved for the treatment of people with dementia-related psychosis without agitation.

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	Suvorexant (Belsomra)	For insomnia; has been shown to be effective in people with mild to moderate Alzheimer disease	Impaired alertness and motor coordination, worsening of depression or suicidal thinking, complex sleep behaviors, sleep paralysis, compromised respiratory function

**Table 14.3** Medications for Treating Symptoms of Alzheimer Disease (Alzheimer’s Association, n.d.)