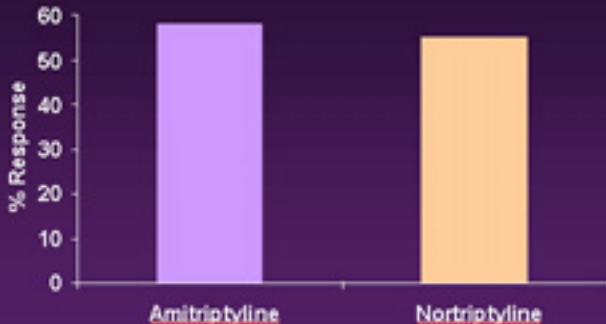




**Assessing and Managing Pain
in Nursing Home Residents:**
Meeting Nursing Home Quality Measures

Nortriptyline—Efficacy

Response in Patients With PHN ⁴¹



Nortriptyline—Safety

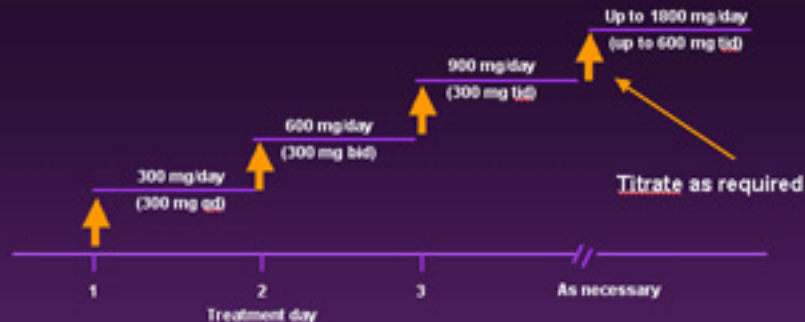
Common Side Effects of TCAs⁶⁰

Agent	Sedation	Anticholinergic Effects	Hypotension	Cardiac Effects	Seizures	Weight Gain
<u>Amitriptyline</u>	+++	+++	+++	+++	++	++
<u>Clomipramine</u>	++	+++	++	+++	+++	+
<u>Desipramine</u>	0/+	+	+	++	+	+
<u>Nortriptyline</u>	+	+	+	++	+	+

0/+ = Minimal; + = Mild; ++ = Moderate; +++ = Moderately severe.

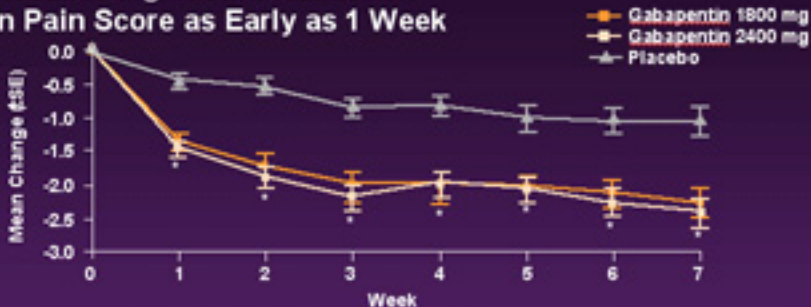


Gabapentin Dosing



Gabapentin—Efficacy³⁹ (cont'd)

Results: Significant Reduction in Pain Score as Early as 1 Week



Additional benefits of using doses greater than 1800 mg/day were not demonstrated

Baseline pain score	Gabapentin 1800 mg	Gabapentin 2400 mg	Placebo
Mean (SD)	6.5 (1.7)	6.5 (1.6)	6.4 (1.6)

* $P < 0.01$ (for both doses of gabapentin).

³⁹Rice et al. Pain. 2001;94:215-224.