

Term	Definition
Antihistamine (an-tih-HIST-ah-meen)	Blocks the effects of histamine released by the body during an allergic reaction. Examples include cetirizine, Zyrtec; diphenhydramine, Benadryl
Corticosteroids (core-tih-koh-STARE-royds)	A hormone produced by the adrenal cortex that has very strong anti-inflammatory properties. Particularly useful in treating autoimmune diseases. Examples include prednisone; methylprednisolone, Solu-Medrol
Immunosuppressant's (im-yoo-noh-sue-PRESS-antz)	Blocks certain actions of the immune system. Required to prevent rejection of a transplanted organ. Examples include mycophenolate mofetil, Cell-Cept; cyclosporine, Neoral
Protease inhibitor drugs	Inhibits reverse transcriptase, an enzyme needed by viruses to reproduce. Examples include indinavir, Crixivan; saquinavir, Fortovase
Reverse Transcriptase inhibitor drugs (trans-KRIP-tays)	Inhibits reverse transcriptase, an enzyme needed by viruses to reproduce. Examples include Iamivudine, Epivar, Zidovudine, Retrovir
Nasal Steroids (NAY-zal)	Nose spray; reduces inflammation and treats symptoms of nasal rhinitis. Examples include fluticasone, Flonase; triamcinolone, nasacort

