

Stavudine

Neuropathies associated with drugs used to treat HIV

1. nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors

a) zidovudine (Retrovir®) (formerly AZT)

b) didanosine (ddl; Videx®): (formerly dideoxyinosine) can cause a painful dose-related neuropathy ¹⁾

c) stavudine (d4T; Zerit®): can cause sensory neuropathy which usually improves when d4 T is discontinued, and may not recur if restarted at lower dose ²⁾.

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Drugs for HIV Infection. Med Letter. 2000; 42:1-6

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