

# barbiturate *(bar-bi-tu-rate)*

## Definition

n. any of a group of drugs that act as depressants of the central nervous system; highly addictive and are used primarily as sedatives and anticonvulsants

## Example Sentence

A **barbiturate** is a type of sedative.

## Synonyms

sedatives; depressant; hypnotics; phenobarbital

## Antonyms

antidepressant

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