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| Amlodipine |
| Preparations listed in the Drug tariff**Hover the mouse over the £ sign for DT prices** | [**Part VIIIA (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIa) | **DT price** |
| Amlodipine 5mg, 10mg tablets | [**£**](#_Amlodipine) |
| Amlodipine 5mg/5ml, 10mg/5ml oral solution S/F | [**£**](#_Amlodipine) |
| Amlodipine 5mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free | £70 for 150ml |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Amlodipine oral solution (Rosemont) should not be shaken prior to administration and should not be mixed with food or beverages before use1. There are no specific administration instructions with amlodipine Thame oral solution2.Amlodipine tablets can be dispersed rapidly in a minimum volume of 10ml water to form a suspension (unlicensed use) which can be taken by mouth and should be washed down with water3, or crushed and mixed with a small amount of soft food such as yoghurt, honey or mashed potato before swallowing, without chewing4 (unlicensed use). |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Amlodipine oral solution (Rosemont) can be administered via NG or PEG tube1:The minimum volume that is required to flush tubes is 10ml for size 8Fr and 20ml for size 10Fr and above.Flush the enteral tube with water, using the minimum flush volume. Administer the required dose of amlodipine. Flush again using the minimum flush volume. Do not use with enteral tubes made from latex. Please note that the oral syringe provided with the medicine is not suitable for administration via NG or PEG tubes. Thame Laboratories have no information on administering amlodipine Thame oral solution via a feeding tube5.Amlodipine tablets (unlicensed use)3:Stop the enteral feed and flush. Place tablet in barrel of syringe and disperse with 10ml of water, shaking if necessary. Flush the medicine down the tube. Draw another 10ml of water and flush the rinsing (any remaining medicine) down the tube. Flush with 10ml of water. |
| Comments |
| None |
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4. Amlodipine for high blood pressure. Medicines for Children. Published 30/5/19 [https://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/amlodipine-high-blood-pressure accessed 12/9/19](https://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/amlodipine-high-blood-pressure%20accessed%2012/9/19)
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| **Please note: full instructions should be provided to the person administering the medicine. This is guidance only and should not determine individualised care.** |
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