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| Levothyroxine |
| 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** |
| Levothyroxine 12.5mcg tablet | £1.74 for 28 |
| Levothyroxine 25mcg tablet | £1.59 for 28 |
| Levothyroxine 50mcg tablet | £1.19 for 28 |
| Levothyroxine 75mcg tablet | £2.61 for 28 |
| Levothyroxine 100mcg tablet | £1.18 for 28 |
| Levothyroxine 25mcg/5ml oral solution sugar free | £94.99 for 100ml |
| Levothyroxine 50mcg/5ml oral solution sugar free | £89.02 for 100ml |
| Levothyroxine 100mcg/5ml oral solution sugar free | £164.99 for 100ml |
| Levothyroxine 125mcg/5ml oral solution sugar free | £185 for 100ml |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Administer oral solution.Disperse the tablets in water (unlicensed use) immediately prior to administration1. |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Oral solution (Creo Pharma)2: This can be administered via a nasogastric feeding tube that should be rinsed twice with 10ml water immediately after administration.Oral solution (unlicensed use for some formulations)1: Stop the feed and flush. Measure the correct volume of oral solution with a syringe and administer. Rinse the syringe with 10ml water and flush. Flush the tube.Advanz Pharma do not have any information on administering their liquid via a feeding tube3.Tablets (unlicensed use)1: Stop the feed and flush. Place the tablet in the barrel of the syringe with 10ml water and allow the tablet to disperse, shaking if necessary. Flush. Rinse the syringe with 10ml water and flush. Flush the tube. |
| Comments |
| Levothyroxine capsules are unlicensed. |
| References1. White R and Bradnam V. Handbook of Drug Administration via enteral feeding tubes. 3rd edition, 2015. Pharmaceutical Press
2. Summary of Product Characteristics. Levothyroxine 100mcg/5ml oral solution (Creo Pharma) last updated 4/4/19 [www.medicine.org.uk](http://www.medicine.org.uk) date accessed 6/1/2020
3. Email on file: Eltroxin oral solution. Advanz Pharma Medical Information. Received 5/12/2019
4. Drug Tariff January 2020 <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff>
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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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