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| Memantine |
| 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** |
| Memantine 10mg, 20mg tablets | [**£**](#_Memantine) |
| Memantine 10mg orodispersible tablets sugar free | **£24.99 for 28** |
| Memantine 10mg soluble tablets sugar free | **£29.09 for 28** |
| Memantine 20mg orodispersible tablets sugar free | **£49.98 for 28** |
| Memantine 20mg soluble tablets sugar free | **£58.18 for 28** |
| Memantine 10mg/ml oral solution sugar free | **£55.14 for 50ml** |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Use oral solution, orodispersible or soluble tablets.Consilient Health (generic brand) tablets1: The tablets are an immediate release formulation, so administration after crushing is possible, but not recommended. Please note that the tablets have a very bitter taste and can leave a bitter taste in the patient’s mouth for an extended period, or even not be drinkable if dissolved. |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Oral solution (unlicensed use)2: Stop the feed and flush. Measure the correct volume of oral solution into an appropriate container and add 10ml water. Draw up the solution with a syringe and administer. Rinse the syringe with 10ml water and flush. Flush the tube.Ebixa tablets (unlicensed use)3: Crush the tablet with a pestle and mortar or tablet crusher. Add the powder to 15-30ml distilled water and mix well. Draw the solution into a syringe and administer. Rinse out the mortar/tablet crusher with distilled water and administer the rinsings. Flush the tube with 10ml distilled water. Lundbeck cannot recommend as this is unlicensed use4, however, there is no pharmacological reason why this cannot be crushed, mixed with water then given immediately via a feeding tube. Because the tablets are not very soluble, it would be prudent to ensure the tube is flushed through afterwards to prevent clogging. Glenmark Pharmaceuticals do not have any information on administering their soluble tablets via a feeding tube5. |
| Comments |
| A number of other generic manufacturers were contacted and had no information on administering their brand of memantine tablets for administration in swallowing difficulties or via a feeding tube. The contact information and responses are kept on file. |
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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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