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| Prednisolone |
| 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** |
| Prednisolone 1mg, 2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg tablets | [**£**](#_Prednisolone) |
| Prednisolone 20mg, 25mg, 30mg tablets | [**£**](#_Prednisolone) |
| Prednisolone 1mg, 2.5mg, 5mg e/c/ tablets | [**£**](#_Prednisolone) |
| Prednisolone 5mg soluble tablets | £19.26 for 30 |
| Prednisolone 5mg/5ml oral solution unit dose | £11.41 for 10 |
| Prednisolone 10mg/ml oral solution S/F | £55.50 for 30ml |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Prednisolone tablets:1. Can be dissolved in water in 2-5 minutes (unlicensed use) before giving1
2. Crushed and mixed in water (unlicensed use) before giving1
3. Crushed and mixed with a small amount of soft food such as yoghurt, honey or jam (unlicensed use) before swallowing2

Prednisolone soluble tablets can be dissolved in water before taking. Prednisolone oral solution unit doses- the 5ml single-dose unit presentation should not be prescribed for doses exceeding 30mg daily, as opening more than 6 containers in a day may increase the risk of dosing errors3. However, consideration should be taken on the risk of opening multiple containers in general. |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Prednisolone soluble tablets (unlicensed use)4:Stop the feed and flush. Place the tablet in a medicine pot and dissolve with 20-30ml water. Draw into a syringe and flush. Flush the tube. |
| Comments |
| None |
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3. Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) Prednisolone Dompe (Logixx Pharma Solutions) last updated 20/04/2018 [www.medicines.org.uk](http://www.medicines.org.uk) date accessed 12 September 2019
4. White R and Bradnam V. Handbook of Drug Administration via enteral feeding tubes. 3rd edition, 2015. Pharmaceutical Press
5. Drug Tariff September 2019 <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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