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| Sertraline |
| 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** |
| Sertraline 50mg tablets | £1.27 for 28 |
| Sertraline 100mg tablets | £1.56 for 28 |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| Sertraline 25mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Sertraline) |
| Sertraline 50mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Sertraline) |
| Sertraline 100mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Sertraline) |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Consider changing to an alternative SSRI licensed liquid preparation. Sertraline tablets can be dispersed in water (unlicensed use) before administration1. The tablets can be crushed and mixed with food2, such as yoghurt or jam3. Crushed tablets have a bitter taste and an anaesthetic effect on the tongue so try to swallow straight away without chewing. Use with caution and if the tongue is numb, take care with hot foods after administration2,3. |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Sertraline tablets (unlicensed use)1: Stop the feed and flush. Place the tablet in the barrel of the syringe with 10ml water and shake gently. Flush. Rinse the syringe with 10ml water and flush. Flush the tube.Sertraline suspension (unlicensed use)1: Stop the feed and flush. Shake the bottle thoroughly. Measure the correct volume of suspension with a syringe and administer. Rinse the syringe with 10ml water and flush. Flush the tube. |
| Comments |
| Pfizer have no additional information to support administering Lustral to patients with swallowing difficulties or via a feeding tube4. |
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5. 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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