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| Simvastatin |
| 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** |
| Simvastatin 10mg, 20mg, 40mg, 80mg tablet | [**£**](#_Simvastatin) |
| Simvastatin 20mg/5ml oral suspension S/F | £148.68 for 150ml |
| Simvastatin 40mg/5ml oral suspension S/F | £227.12 for 150ml |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Simvastatin Rosemont oral suspension: the Rosemont brand is the only licensed preparation on EMC1. Zocor 10mg tablets, £18.03 for 282: these can be dispersed in 10ml water immediately prior to taking (unlicensed use)3. A number of generic manufacturers were contacted and had no information on administering their brand of simvastatin tablets for patients with swallowing difficulties. The contact information and responses are kept on file. |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Simvastatin Rosemont oral suspension: the Rosemont brand is the only licensed preparation on EMC1.Simvastatin Rosemont oral suspension can be administered via NG or PEG tube (not latex) - details on dimension size are on the SPC1:Flush the enteral tube with sufficient water to remove any residual feed. Administer the required dose of Simvastatin. Flush with 10ml water. Please note that the oral syringe provided in the medicine is not suitable for administration via NG or PEG tubes1. See comments below regarding excipients.Zocor 10mg tablets, £18.03 for 28 tablets2 (unlicensed use)3:Stop the enteral feed and flush. Place tablet in barrel of syringe and disperse with 10ml of water. 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. Only the 10mg strength has been tested via an 8Fr NG tube.A number of generic manufacturers were contacted and had no information on administering their brand of simvastatin tablets via a feeding tube. The contact information and responses are kept on file. |
| Comments |
| No additional information was obtained from MSD for Zocor4. |
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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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