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| Rosuvastatin |
| 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** |
| Rosuvastatin 5mg tablets | £1.34 for 28 |
| Rosuvastatin 10mg tablets | £1.46 for 28 |
| Rosuvastatin 20mg tablets | £1.87 for 28 |
| Rosuvastatin 40mg tablets | £2.32 for 28 |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Consider changing to either atorvastatin chewable tablets or simvastatin liquid.Disperse Crestor tablets in water immediately prior to administration (unlicensed use.) 1 Consilient Health (generic brand) tablets: No data to support administration after crushing the tablet. In theory they are immediate-release and uncoated so they should be able to be crushed and administered, however care would need to be taken to ensure all the crushed tablet was administered 2.A number of other generic manufacturers were contacted and had no information on administering their brand of rosuvastatin tablets for patients with swallowing difficulties. The contact information and responses are kept on file.  |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Consider changing to simvastatin liquid which is licensed for administration via a feeding tube.Crestor 10mg tablets (unlicensed use) 1: Stop the feed and flush. Place the tablet in the barrel of the syringe with 10ml water and shake gently to give a pale pink, milky dispersion (may take 5 minutes), small white particles are visible. Flush. Rinse the syringe with 10ml water and flush. Flush the tube.Consilient Health (generic brand) tablets: A suspension of the finely crushed tablet in water may be administered via a gastric tube. Caution needs to be taken for ensuring the full dose and blockage of the tube.A number of other generic manufacturers were contacted and had no information on administering their brand of rosuvastatin tablets for administration via a feeding tube. The contact information and responses are kept on file. |
| Comments |
| AstraZeneca have no information on Crestor tablets for patients with swallowing difficulties or administration via a feeding tube3. |
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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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