

AMITRIPTYLINE

Generic Ingredient(s):

Amitriptyline

Legal Class:

POM

Drug Class:

[Tricyclic antidepressants](#)

How Supplied:

Amitriptyline

Price:

10mg, 28=£1.03.
25mg tab, 28=£1.03.
50mg tab, 28=£1.16.

AMITRIPTYLINE ORAL SOLUTION

How Supplied:

Amitriptyline

Price:

25mg/5ml, 150ml=£13.95.
50mg/5ml, 150ml=£14.79.
Sugar-free oral soln.

Indications:

Depressive illness, particularly where sedation is required.

Adults:

Depressive illness: Initially, 75mg daily in divided doses or as a single dose at night, increasing gradually as required to max 150—200mg daily. Adolescents, initially, 30—75mg daily.

Elderly:

Initially, 30—75mg daily.

Children:

Under 16 years, not recommended.

Contraindications:

Recent MI, arrhythmias (particularly heart block), severe liver disease, mania. Porphyrria.

Precautions:

Hepatic impairment (contraindicated if severe). History of epilepsy, urinary retention, prostatic hypertrophy, narrow-angle glaucoma or increased intra-ocular pressure. Cardiovascular disorders, hyperthyroidism; monitor carefully. Elderly. Pheochromocytoma. History of mania or psychoses. Concurrent ECT. Anaesthesia. Monitor for suicidal ideation. Pregnancy and lactation. Withdraw gradually.

Interactions:

With or within 14 days of MAOIs. Other antidepressants, St John's wort, tramadol, drugs that prolong the QT interval (eg, anti-arrhythmics), moxifloxacin, anticonvulsants, diltiazem, verapamil, clonidine, other antihypertensives, antipsychotics, sotalol, dopaminergics, artemether/lumefantrine, sibutramine, anticholinergics, sympathomimetics, oral anticoagulants, cimetidine. Alcohol.

Side Effects:

Anticholinergic effects (e.g. dry mouth, blurred vision). Tinnitus, confusion, drowsiness, headache, tremor, ataxia, seizures, movement disorders, dyskinesias. Cardiovascular effects (e.g. hypotension, tachycardia, syncope, conduction disturbances, arrhythmias). GI upset, taste disturbance. Blood dyscrasias. Sweating, allergic skin reactions, weight changes. Libido changes, impotence, testicular swelling, gynaecomastia, galactorrhoea, changes in blood sugar concentrations, hyponatraemia. Hepatic impairment, jaundice.