

Protocol for the use of clozapine oro-dispersible tablets

The vast majority of patients prescribed clozapine are able to successfully take tablets. However a small number are not. For those patients the use of clozapine oro-dispersible tablets may be appropriate. This protocol must be followed to request the use of clozapine oro-dispersible tablets.

Patients meeting the following criteria are considered eligible for treatment with clozapine oro-dispersible:

1. As an alternative for patients already established on clozapine suspension.
2. To support establishment of clozapine treatment for patients reluctant to swallow tablets.
3. To aid compliance monitoring in patients with a known history of oral non-compliance.
4. Patients with a diagnosed swallowing difficulty who cannot swallow tablets.
5. A non-formulary request has been submitted to and approved by the Prescribing Management Group (PMG (MH)).

Note: the standard tablets are the preparation of choice. Patients, where possible, should be switched to standard tablets at the earliest opportunity.

Cost comparison

Clozapine Preparation	Cost per unit dose (£)
25mg standard tablets	0.07
50mg standard tablets	0.25
12.5mg oro-dispersible tablets	0.12
25mg oro-dispersible tablets	0.24
50mg oro-dispersible tablets	0.48
100mg oro-dispersible tablets	0.96
200mg oro-dispersible tablets	1.92
50mg/ml suspension	0.40

If use of clozapine oro-dispersible tablets is approved the following process **must** be completed before clozapine oro-dispersible can be prescribed.

1. The consultant psychiatrist, treatment location and patient must be registered with ZTAS
2. Confirmation of this registration must be received by pharmacy and the consultant psychiatrist before clozapine oro-dispersible is prescribed.

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3. If a new clozapine initiation, prescribe the appropriate titration regime and email it and the patient's in patient prescription sheet to Leverndale Pharmacy.
4. For existing patients a prescription/in-patient prescription sheet with clozapine oro-dispersible clearly prescribed as a new entry (not oro-dispersible added to existing clozapine) must be sent to Leverndale pharmacy.
5. Amend the clozapine warning on EMIS to highlight the use of oro-dispersible tablets.

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