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| Anastrozole |
| 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** |
| Anastrozole 1mg tablets | £1.94 for 28 |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Owing to the class of drug, crushing is not recommended, a closed system should be used1. Pregnant women should not handle crushed or broken tablets2. Also see comments.Tablet- unlicensed use: place tablet in the barrel of an appropriate syringe, draw 10ml water and allow the tablet to disperse, shaking if necessary and administer. Place another 10ml water into the syringe and administer1.  |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Owing to the class of drug, crushing is not recommended, a closed system should be used1. Pregnant women should not handle crushed or broken tablets2. Also see comments.Tablet- unlicensed use: stop the feed and flush. Place the tablet in the barrel of syringe and disperse with 10ml water, shaking if necessary and flush. Draw another 10ml water into the syringe and flush. Finally, flush the line with water1.  |
| Comments |
| A number of generic manufacturers were contacted and had no information on administering their brand of anastrozole tablets for patients with swallowing difficulties or administration via a feeding tube. The contact information and responses are kept on file. AstraZeneca have no information on Arimidex tablets for patients with swallowing difficulties or administration via a feeding tube3. |
| References1. White R and Bradnam V. Handbook of Drug Administration via enteral feeding tubes. 3rd edition, 2015. Pharmaceutical Press
2. The NEWT guidelines for administration of medication to patients with enteral feeding tubes or swallowing difficulties. 2nd updated edition 2015
3. Email on file: Arimidex. AstraZeneca Medicines Information. Received 8 July 2019
4. Drug Tariff December 2019 <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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