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| Quetiapine |
| 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** |
| Quetiapine 25mg, 100mg, 150mg, 200mg, 300mg tablets | [**£**](#_Quetiapine) |
| Quetiapine 50mg, 150mg, 200mg, 300mg, 400mg m/r tablets  | [**£**](#_Quetiapine) |
| Quetiapine 20mg/ml oral suspension sugar free | £99.28 for 150ml |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| Quetiapine 12.5mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Quetiapine) |
| Quetiapine 25mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Quetiapine) |
| Quetiapine 50mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Quetiapine) |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Quetiapine Rosemont 20mg/ml oral suspension contains sodium 10.46mg/ml- when calculating the dose consider whether this is suitable in patients on a controlled sodium diet1. This is the only licensed liquid in EMC.Seroquel (not m/r) tablets can be crushed (unlicensed use) and added to soft food (e.g. yoghurt) and taste bitter2.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 administered3.A number of other generic manufacturers were contacted and had no information on administering their brand of quetiapine tablets for patients with swallowing difficulties. The contact information and responses are kept on file.  |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Seroquel tablets (unlicensed use) 2: Crush the tablet with a pestle and mortar or tablet crusher. Add the powder to 15-30ml distilled water and mix well. Draw the solution into a syringe and administer. Rinse out the mortar/tablet crusher with distilled water and administer the rinsings. Flush the tube with 10ml distilled water.A number of generic manufacturers were contacted and had no information on administering their brand of quetiapine tablets for administration via a feeding tube. The contact information and responses are kept on file. Rosemont do not have any information on administering their liquid via a feeding tube- only medicines which are licensed for this route will include instructions4. |
| Comments |
| AstraZeneca have no additional information to support administering Seroquel to patients with swallowing difficulties or via a feeding tube5. |
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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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