

stabilised using once-monthly injectable paliperidone before switching to three-monthly injectable paliperidone, if creatinine clearance 50–80 mL/minute.

XEPLION® PRE-FILLED SYRINGES Dose adjustments
Manufacturer advises initial dose 100 mg on day 1 and then 75 mg on day 8 if creatinine clearance 50–80 mL/minute; recommended maintenance dose 50 mg (range 25–100 mg) monthly if creatinine clearance 50–80 mL/minute.

● MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ With intramuscular use Treatment requires careful monitoring for optimum effect.

● DIRECTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION

- ▶ With intramuscular use Correct injection technique (including the use of z-track technique) and rotation of injection sites are essential.
- ▶ With oral use Always take with breakfast or always take on an empty stomach.

● PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION

XEPLION® PRE-FILLED SYRINGES *Xeplion*® 25 mg pre-filled syringes may be difficult to obtain.

● PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE

- ▶ With oral use Patients or carers should be given advice on how to administer paliperidone tablets.
- Missed doses** ▶ With intramuscular use For missed doses see product literature.

● NATIONAL FUNDING/ACCESS DECISIONS

TRIVICTA® PRE-FILLED SYRINGES

Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) decisions

The *Scottish Medicines Consortium* has advised (September 2016) that paliperidone palmitate (*Trivicta*®) is accepted for use within NHS Scotland for the maintenance treatment of schizophrenia in patients who are clinically stable on one-monthly paliperidone palmitate injectable product.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug.

Prolonged-release suspension for injection

▶ **Trivicta** (Janssen-Cilag Ltd)

- Paliperidone (as Paliperidone palmitate) 200 mg per 1 ml** *Trivicta* 175mg/0.875ml prolonged-release suspension for injection pre-filled syringes | 1 pre-filled disposable injection [PoM] £551.76 DT = £551.76
- Trivicta* 263mg/1.315ml prolonged-release suspension for injection pre-filled syringes | 1 pre-filled disposable injection [PoM] £734.70 DT = £734.70
- Trivicta* 350mg/1.75ml prolonged-release suspension for injection pre-filled syringes | 1 pre-filled disposable injection [PoM] £942.21 DT = £942.21
- Trivicta* 525mg/2.625ml prolonged-release suspension for injection pre-filled syringes | 1 pre-filled disposable injection [PoM] £1,177.77 DT = £1,177.77

Modified-release tablet

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▶ **Invega** (Janssen-Cilag Ltd)

- Paliperidone 3 mg** *Invega* 3mg modified-release tablets | 28 tablet [PoM] £97.28 DT = £97.28
- Paliperidone 6 mg** *Invega* 6mg modified-release tablets | 28 tablet [PoM] £97.28 DT = £97.28
- Paliperidone 9 mg** *Invega* 9mg modified-release tablets | 28 tablet [PoM] £145.92 DT = £145.92

Suspension for injection

▶ **Xeplion** (Janssen-Cilag Ltd)

- Paliperidone (as Paliperidone palmitate) 100 mg per 1 ml** *Xeplion* 150mg/1.5ml suspension for injection pre-filled syringes | 1 pre-filled disposable injection [PoM] £392.59 DT = £392.59
- Xeplion* 75mg/0.75ml suspension for injection pre-filled syringes | 1 pre-filled disposable injection [PoM] £244.90 DT = £244.90
- Xeplion* 100mg/1ml suspension for injection pre-filled syringes | 1 pre-filled disposable injection [PoM] £314.07 DT = £314.07
- Xeplion* 50mg/0.5ml suspension for injection pre-filled syringes | 1 pre-filled disposable injection [PoM] £183.92 DT = £183.92

Quetiapine

- **DRUG ACTION** Quetiapine is a dopamine D₁, dopamine D₂, 5-HT₂, alpha₁-adrenoceptor, and histamine-1 receptor antagonist.

● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

Schizophrenia

▶ BY MOUTH USING IMMEDIATE-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: 25 mg twice daily for day 1, then 50 mg twice daily for day 2, then 100 mg twice daily for day 3, then 150 mg twice daily for day 4, then, adjusted according to response, usual dose 300–450 mg daily in 2 divided doses, the rate of dose titration may need to be slower and the daily dose lower in elderly patients; maximum 750 mg per day

▶ BY MOUTH USING MODIFIED-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: 300 mg once daily for day 1, then 600 mg once daily for day 2, then, adjusted according to response, usual dose 600 mg once daily, maximum dose under specialist supervision; maximum 800 mg per day
- ▶ Elderly: Initially 50 mg once daily, adjusted according to response. adjusted in steps of 50 mg daily

Treatment of mania in bipolar disorder

▶ BY MOUTH USING IMMEDIATE-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: 50 mg twice daily for day 1, then 100 mg twice daily for day 2, then 150 mg twice daily for day 3, then 200 mg twice daily for day 4, then adjusted in steps of up to 200 mg daily, adjusted according to response, usual dose 400–800 mg daily in 2 divided doses, the rate of dose titration may need to be slower and the daily dose lower in elderly patients; maximum 800 mg per day

▶ BY MOUTH USING MODIFIED-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: 300 mg once daily for day 1, then 600 mg once daily for day 2, then, adjusted according to response, usual dose 400–800 mg once daily
- ▶ Elderly: Initially 50 mg once daily, adjusted according to response. adjusted in steps of 50 mg daily

Treatment of depression in bipolar disorder

▶ BY MOUTH USING IMMEDIATE-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: 50 mg once daily for day 1, dose to be taken at bedtime, then 100 mg once daily for day 2, then 200 mg once daily for day 3, then 300 mg once daily for day 4, then, adjusted according to response; usual dose 300 mg once daily, the rate of dose titration may need to be slower and the daily dose lower in elderly patients; maximum 600 mg per day

▶ BY MOUTH USING MODIFIED-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: 50 mg once daily for day 1, dose to be taken at bedtime, then 100 mg once daily for day 2, then 200 mg once daily for day 3, then 300 mg once daily for day 4, then, adjusted according to response; usual dose 300 mg once daily; maximum 600 mg per day

Prevention of mania and depression in bipolar disorder

▶ BY MOUTH USING IMMEDIATE-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: Continue at the dose effective for treatment of bipolar disorder and adjust to lowest effective dose; usual dose 300–800 mg daily in 2 divided doses

▶ BY MOUTH USING MODIFIED-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: Continue at the dose effective for treatment of bipolar disorder and adjust to lowest effective dose; usual dose 300–800 mg once daily

Adjunctive treatment of major depression

▶ BY MOUTH USING MODIFIED-RELEASE MEDICINES

- ▶ Adult: 50 mg once daily for 2 days, dose to be taken at bedtime, then 150 mg once daily for 2 days, then, adjusted according to response, usual dose 150–300 mg once daily

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