

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: oral suspension, oral solution

#### Oral suspension

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- ▶ **Ursofalk** (Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd)

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 50 mg per 1 ml** Ursofalk 250mg/5ml oral suspension sugar-free | 250 ml **[PoM]** £26.98 DT = £26.98

#### Tablet

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- ▶ **Ursodeoxycholic acid (Non-proprietary)**

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 150 mg** Ursodeoxycholic acid 150mg tablets | 60 tablet **[PoM]** £19.02 DT = £19.02

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 300 mg** Ursodeoxycholic acid 300mg tablets | 60 tablet **[PoM]** £63.97 DT = £56.06

- ▶ **Cholurso** (HFA Healthcare Products Ltd)

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 250 mg** Cholurso 250mg tablets | 60 tablet **[PoM]** £18.00 DT = £18.00

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 500 mg** Cholurso 500mg tablets | 60 tablet **[PoM]** £45.00

- ▶ **Destolit** (Norgine Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 150 mg** Destolit 150mg tablets | 60 tablet **[PoM]** £18.39 DT = £19.02

- ▶ **Ursofalk** (Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd)

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 500 mg** Ursofalk 500mg tablets | 100 tablet **[PoM]** £80.00 DT = £80.00

- ▶ **Ursonorm** (PRO.MED.CS Praha a.s.)

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 500 mg** Ursonorm 500mg tablets | 60 tablet **[PoM]** £45.00 | 100 tablet **[PoM]** £49.00 DT = £80.00

#### Capsule

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- ▶ **Ursodeoxycholic acid (Non-proprietary)**

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 250 mg** Ursodeoxycholic acid 250mg capsules | 60 capsule **[PoM]** £29.00 DT = £12.23 | 100 capsule **[PoM]** £26.61

- ▶ **Ursofalk** (Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd)

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 250 mg** Ursofalk 250mg capsules | 60 capsule **[PoM]** £30.17 DT = £12.23 | 100 capsule **[PoM]** £31.88

- ▶ **Ursonorm** (PRO.MED.CS Praha a.s.)

**Ursodeoxycholic acid 250 mg** Ursonorm 250mg capsules | 60 capsule **[PoM]** £29.00 DT = £12.23

## TERPENES

### Borneol with camphene, cineole, menthol, menthone and pinene

#### • INDICATIONS AND DOSE

##### Biliary disorders

- ▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ **Adult:** 1–2 capsules 3 times a day, to be taken before food

- **LESS SUITABLE FOR PRESCRIBING** *Rowachol*<sup>®</sup> is less suitable for prescribing.

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#### Gastro-resistant capsule

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- ▶ **Rowachol** (Meadow Laboratories Ltd)

**Cineole 2 mg, Borneol 5 mg, Camphene 5 mg, Menthone 6 mg, Pinene 17 mg, Menthol 32 mg** Rowachol gastro-resistant capsules | 50 capsule **[PoM]** £7.35

## 7.2 Oesophageal varices

**Other drugs used for Oesophageal varices** Vasopressin, p. 706

## PITUITARY AND HYPOTHALAMIC HORMONES AND ANALOGUES > VASOPRESSIN AND ANALOGUES

### Terlipressin acetate

#### • INDICATIONS AND DOSE

##### GLYPRESSIN<sup>®</sup> INJECTION

##### Bleeding from oesophageal varices

- ▶ BY INTRAVENOUS INJECTION

- ▶ **Adult (body-weight up to 50 kg):** Initially 2 mg every 4 hours until bleeding controlled, then reduced to 1 mg every 4 hours if required, maximum duration 48 hours
- ▶ **Adult (body-weight 50 kg and above):** Initially 2 mg every 4 hours until bleeding controlled, reduced if not tolerated to 1 mg every 4 hours, maximum duration 48 hours

##### VARIQUEL<sup>®</sup> INJECTION

##### Bleeding from oesophageal varices

- ▶ BY INTRAVENOUS INJECTION

- ▶ **Adult (body-weight up to 50 kg):** Initially 1 mg, then 1 mg every 4–6 hours for up to 72 hours, to be administered over 1 minute
- ▶ **Adult (body-weight 50–69 kg):** Initially 1.5 mg, then 1 mg every 4–6 hours for up to 72 hours, to be administered over 1 minute
- ▶ **Adult (body-weight 70 kg and above):** Initially 2 mg, then 1 mg every 4–6 hours for up to 72 hours, to be administered over 1 minute

- **CAUTIONS** Arrhythmia · elderly · electrolyte and fluid disturbances · heart disease · history of QT-interval prolongation · respiratory disease · septic shock · uncontrolled hypertension · vascular disease

#### • SIDE-EFFECTS

- ▶ **Common or very common** Abdominal cramps · arrhythmias · diarrhoea · headache · hypertension · hypotension · pallor · peripheral ischaemia · vasoconstriction
- ▶ **Uncommon** Chest pain · cyanosis · fluid overload · heart failure · hot flush · hyponatraemia · intestinal ischaemia · ischaemic heart disease · lymphangitis · myocardial infarction · nausea · pulmonary oedema · respiratory disorders · seizure · skin necrosis · uterine disorders · vomiting
- ▶ **Rare or very rare** Dyspnoea · hyperglycaemia · stroke
- **PREGNANCY** Avoid unless benefits outweigh risk—uterine contractions and increased intra-uterine pressure in early pregnancy, and decreased uterine blood flow reported.
- **BREAST FEEDING** Avoid unless benefits outweigh risk—no information available.
- **RENAL IMPAIRMENT** Use with caution in chronic renal failure.

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#### Solution for injection

- ▶ **Glypressin** (Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

**Terlipressin acetate 120 microgram per 1 ml** Glypressin 1mg/8.5ml solution for injection ampoules | 5 ampoule **[PoM]** **Ⓢ**

- ▶ **Variquel** (Alliance Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

**Terlipressin acetate 200 microgram per 1 ml** Variquel 1mg/5ml solution for injection vials | 5 vial **[PoM]** £89.98 (Hospital only)