

Venlafaxine (as Venlafaxine hydrochloride) 150 mg Venlasov XL  
150mg capsules | 28 capsule [PoM] £3.75 DT = £3.90

► Venlafaxine (Morningside Healthcare Ltd)

Venlafaxine (as Venlafaxine hydrochloride) 75 mg Vensir XL 75mg  
capsules | 28 capsule [PoM] £2.60 DT = £2.60

Venlafaxine (as Venlafaxine hydrochloride) 150 mg Vensir XL  
150mg capsules | 28 capsule [PoM] £3.90 DT = £3.90

Venlafaxine (as Venlafaxine hydrochloride) 225 mg Vensir XL  
225mg capsules | 28 capsule [PoM] £21.90 DT = £47.11

► Venzip XL (Milpharm Ltd)

Venlafaxine (as Venlafaxine hydrochloride) 75 mg Venzip XL  
75mg capsules | 28 capsule [PoM] £22.08 DT = £2.60

Venlafaxine (as Venlafaxine hydrochloride) 150 mg Venzip XL  
150mg capsules | 28 capsule [PoM] £36.81 DT = £3.90

## ANTIDEPRESSANTS > SEROTONIN UPTAKE INHIBITORS

### Trazodone hydrochloride

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#### • INDICATIONS AND DOSE

**Depressive illness (particularly where sedation is required)**

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► Adult: Initially 150 mg daily in divided doses, dose to be taken after food, alternatively initially 150 mg once daily, dose to be taken at bedtime, increased if necessary to 300 mg daily; increased if necessary to 600 mg daily in divided doses, higher dose for use in hospital patients only

► Elderly: Initially 100 mg daily in divided doses, dose to be taken after food, alternatively initially 100 mg once daily, dose to be taken at bedtime, increased if necessary to 300 mg daily; increased if necessary to 600 mg daily in divided doses, higher dose for use in hospital patients only

#### Anxiety

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► Adult: 75 mg daily, increased if necessary to 300 mg daily

- **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** During the manic phase of bipolar disorder · immediate recovery period after myocardial infarction
- **CAUTIONS** Arrhythmias · cardiovascular disease · chronic constipation · diabetes · epilepsy · history of bipolar disorder · history of psychosis · hyperthyroidism (risk of arrhythmias) · increased intra-ocular pressure · patients with a significant risk of suicide · phaeochromocytoma (risk of arrhythmias) · prostatic hypertrophy · susceptibility to angle-closure glaucoma · urinary retention

**CAUTIONS, FURTHER INFORMATION** Treatment should be stopped if the patient enters a manic phase.

Elderly patients are particularly susceptible to many of the side-effects of tricyclic antidepressants; low initial doses should be used, with close monitoring, particularly for psychiatric and cardiac side-effects.

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: trazodone
- **SIDE-EFFECTS** Aggression · agranulocytosis · alertness decreased · anaemia · anxiety · aphasia · appetite abnormal · arrhythmias · arthralgia · asthenia · blood disorder · chest pain · confusion · constipation · delirium · delusions · diarrhoea · dizziness · drowsiness · dry mouth · dyspnoea · eosinophilia · fever · gastroenteritis · gastrointestinal discomfort · hallucination · headache · hepatic disorders · hyperhidrosis · hypersalivation · hypertension · hyponatraemia · influenza like illness · jaundice (discontinue) · leucopenia · libido decreased · mania · memory loss · movement disorders · myalgia · nasal congestion · nausea · neuroleptic malignant syndrome · oedema · pain · palpitations · paraesthesia · paralytic ileus · postural hypotension · priapism (discontinue) · QT interval

prolongation · seizure · serotonin syndrome · SIADH · skin reactions · sleep disorders · suicidal tendencies · syncope · taste altered · thrombocytopenia · tremor · urinary disorder · vertigo · vision blurred · vomiting · weight decreased · withdrawal syndrome

**SIDE-EFFECTS, FURTHER INFORMATION** The risk of side-effects is reduced by titrating slowly to the minimum effective dose (every 2–3 days). Consider using a lower starting dose in elderly patients.

**Overdose** The tricyclic-related antidepressant drugs may be associated with a lower risk of cardiotoxicity in overdose.

Tricyclic and related antidepressants cause dry mouth, coma of varying degree, hypotension, hypothermia, hyperreflexia, extensor plantar responses, convulsions, respiratory failure, cardiac conduction defects, and arrhythmias. Dilated pupils and urinary retention also occur. For details on the management of poisoning see Tricyclic and related antidepressants under Emergency treatment of poisoning p. 1430.

- **PREGNANCY** Avoid during first trimester—limited information available. Monitor infant for signs of withdrawal if used until delivery.
- **BREAST FEEDING** The amount secreted into breast milk is too small to be harmful.
- **HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT** Manufacturer advises caution, particularly in severe impairment (increased risk of side-effects).
- **RENAL IMPAIRMENT** Use with caution in severe impairment.
- **TREATMENT CESSATION** Withdrawal effects may occur within 5 days of stopping treatment with antidepressant drugs; they are usually mild and self-limiting, but in some cases may be severe. The risk of withdrawal symptoms is increased if the antidepressant is stopped suddenly after regular administration for 8 weeks or more. The dose should preferably be reduced gradually over about 4 weeks, or longer if withdrawal symptoms emerge (6 months in patients who have been on long-term maintenance treatment). If possible tricyclic and related antidepressants should be withdrawn slowly.
- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Limited quantities of tricyclic antidepressants should be prescribed at any one time because their cardiovascular and epileptogenic effects are dangerous in overdose.
- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE**  
**Driving and skilled tasks** Drowsiness may affect the performance of skilled tasks (e.g. driving).  
Effects of alcohol enhanced.

- **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 solution

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► Trazodone hydrochloride (Non-proprietary)

**Trazodone hydrochloride 10 mg per 1 ml** Trazodone 50mg/5ml oral solution sugar free sugar-free | 120 ml [PoM] £180.00 DT = £32.38

**Trazodone hydrochloride 20 mg per 1 ml** Trazodone 100mg/5ml oral solution sugar free sugar-free | 120 ml [PoM] £232.50 DT = £231.31

#### Tablet

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► Trazodone hydrochloride (Non-proprietary)

**Trazodone hydrochloride 50 mg** Trazodone 50mg tablets | 84 tablet [PoM] £20.00

**Trazodone hydrochloride 100 mg** Trazodone 100mg tablets | 56 tablet [PoM] £25.00

**Trazodone hydrochloride 150 mg** Trazodone 150mg tablets | 28 tablet [PoM] £34.00 DT = £3.30