

- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE** Patients should be given dietary advice (including avoidance of excessive cholesterol and calories).  
Medicines for Children leaflet: Ursodeoxycholic acid for cholestasis and sclerosing cholangitis [www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/ursodeoxycholic-acid-cholestasis-and-sclerosing-cholangitis](http://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/ursodeoxycholic-acid-cholestasis-and-sclerosing-cholangitis)

- **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](#) £47.63-£62.52 DT = £55.08

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

Ursodeoxycholic acid 250 mg Cholurso 250mg tablets |

60 tablet [PoM](#) £15.25 DT = £15.25

Ursodeoxycholic acid 500 mg Cholurso 500mg tablets |

60 tablet [PoM](#) £45.00

- ▶ **Destolit** (Norgine Pharmaceuticals)

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 = £16.16 | 100 capsule [PoM](#) £25.47

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

Ursodeoxycholic acid 250 mg Ursofalk 250mg capsules |

60 capsule [PoM](#) £30.17 DT = £16.16 | 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 = £16.16**LIPIDS > STEROLS****Cholesterol****● INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome**

- ▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Neonate: 5–10 mg/kg 3–4 times a day.

- ▶ Child: 5–10 mg/kg 3–4 times a day, doses up to 15 mg/kg 4 times daily have been used

- **UNLICENSED USE** Not licensed.

**● CONTRA-INDICATIONS****CONTRA-INDICATIONS, FURTHER INFORMATION**

For contra-indications, consult product literature.

**● CAUTIONS**

**CAUTIONS, FURTHER INFORMATION** For advice on cautions, consult product literature.

- **DIRECTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION** Cholesterol powder can be mixed with a vegetable oil before administration.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: oral suspension, powder

**7.2 Oesophageal varices**

**Other drugs used for Oesophageal varices** Vasopressin, p. 69

**PITUITARY AND HYPOTHALAMIC HORMONES AND ANALOGUES > VASOPRESSIN AND ANALOGUES****Terlipressin acetate****● INDICATIONS AND DOSE****GLYPRESSIN® INJECTION**

**Adjunct in acute massive haemorrhage of gastro-intestinal tract or oesophageal varices (specialist use only)**

- ▶ BY INTRAVENOUS INJECTION

- ▶ Child 12–17 years (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

- ▶ Child 12–17 years (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® INJECTION**

**Adjunct in acute massive haemorrhage of gastro-intestinal tract or oesophageal varices (specialist use only)**

- ▶ BY INTRAVENOUS INJECTION

- ▶ Child 12–17 years (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

- ▶ Child 12–17 years (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

- ▶ Child 12–17 years (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

- **UNLICENSED USE** Unlicensed for use in children.

- **CAUTIONS** Arrhythmia · 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.