

Tramadol Modified Release Capsules/Tablets

Recommendation

Tramadol modified release capsules or tablets should be prescribed as Marol tablets. Marol is the preferred brand of tramadol modified release as it is the most cost effective preparation.

However tramadol MR should only be considered second line for those patients in whom tramadol immediate release is not appropriate.

Tramadol MR is not included in the drug tariff. There are a number of manufacturers who produce tramadol MR with varying prices.

If a prescription is prescribed generically as "tramadol MR" the dispensing pharmacy will endorse the brand which they stock and be reimbursed accordingly.

The cost for 100mg capsules /tablets varies from £7.27 to £18.26 for 30 days supply.
NB The cost of immediate release tramadol 50mg capsules is £3.47 for 100 capsules.

Marol is the most cost effective preparation.

It is recommended that new patients are prescribed Marol if immediate release tramadol is not appropriate.

If practices are planning to switch existing prescriptions to Marol then they are strongly advised to inform their CCG prescribing advisor. This will allow arrangements to be made with Teva to ensure adequate stocks are in place.

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