

# DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

## Supply Shortage

### DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/Form:

Memantine (Valios) 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets sugar free

### PROBLEM

- Memantine (Valios) 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets are out of stock until late August 2024.

### ALTERNATIVES

- Memantine 10mg/ml oral solution and Ebixa 5mg pump oral solution remain available and can support an increase in demand.
- The tablets can be crushed and dispersed in water for administration. Crush tablets well as they are film-coated.

### ADVICE

Clinicians should:

- Not initiate new patients on Valios 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets until the supply issue resolves;
- Consider prescribing memantine 10mg/ml oral solution or Ebixa 5mg pump oral solution ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients and is counselled on the appropriate dose and volume required;
- Consider crushing and dispersing the tablet in water for administration;
- If the above options are not considered appropriate, advice should be sought from specialists on alternative management options.

Patients and carers should be counselled on any change of formulation and how to administer the dose.

### CLINICAL INFORMATION

Memantine orodispersible tablets are licensed for the treatment of moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease in adults. Other formulations of memantine are licensed for the same

indication. Memantine oral solution is a suitable alternative to orodispersible tablets, and the same dose can be used.

**RESOURCE LINKS**

[SmPC Valios orodispersible tablets](#)

[SmPC memantine 10mg/ml oral solution](#)

[SmPC Ebixa 5mg pump oral solution](#)

[BNF memantine](#)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR WARD BASED PHARMACY TEAM  
OR  
THE PHARMACY DEPARTMENT (CITY ext.5263; SANDWELL ext.3783).**

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