

Amitriptyline

All strengths of Apotex unavailable, now being manufactured by AA Pharma Inc.

Amitriptyline products listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary:

Apo-amitriptyline 10mg, 25 mg, 50 mg tablets

AA Pharma Inc. amitriptyline products are covered by the Sask. Drug Plan¹

Health Canada Drug Product Database lists these brands licensed in Canada:²
Apotex, AA Pharma, BioMed, Novopharm, Pharmascience, Valeant Canada

Uses:

Treatment of major depressive disorder³

Use: Unlabeled/Investigational

Migraine headache prophylaxis; chronic non-malignant pain; sleep disorders^{3,4}

Therapeutic Alternatives:

Nortriptyline (convert at roughly ½ the dose of amitriptyline and titrate as needed), Clomipramine, doxepin, imipramine, trimipramine, desipramine (convert at same dose as amitriptyline)⁴

Migraine prophylaxis – nortriptyline, doxepin, beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, anticonvulsants^{5,6}

Chronic non-malignant pain – other TCAs; anticonvulsants; SNRIs; topical lidocaine (postherpetic neuralgia); opioids⁷

Sleep disorders – nortriptyline, trimipramine, doxepin; benzodiazepines, zopiclone; methotrimeprazine, trazodone; l-tryptophan^{8,9}

Monitoring Parameters:

- a) Improvement in subjective and objective clinical signs and symptoms/measures of the condition being treated.
- b) Increase in mood, physical activity, mental alertness, and appetite, and response to environmental events, and interpersonal interactions.
- c) Regulation of sleep patterns.
- d) Decrease in psychomotor agitation or retardation.

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