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 Plan

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

Uses:
Treatment of major depressive disorder

Use: Unlabeled/Investigational
Migraine headache prophylaxis; chronic non-malignant pain; sleep disorders

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)
Migraine prophylaxis – nortriptyline, doxepin, beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, anticonvulsants
Chronic non-malignant pain – other TCAs; anticonvulsants; SNRIs; topical lidocaine (postherpetic neuralgia); opioids
Sleep disorders – nortriptyline, trimipramine, doxepin; benzodiazepines, zopiclone; methotrimedrazine, trazodone; l-tryptophan

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.

References:

