**Desipramine**

Desipramine products listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary:

- Apo-desipramine 10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg tablets
- PMS-desipramine 50 mg, 75 mg tablets
- Nu-desipramine 100 mg tablet

Health Canada Drug Product Database lists these brands licensed in Canada:

Apo, Dominion, NovoPharm, Pharmascience

**Uses:**

Treatment of major depressive disorder

**Use: Unlabeled/Investigational**

Chronic non-malignant pain; abdominal pain associated with irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety disorders (2nd line), ADHD (2nd-3rd line)

**Therapeutic Alternatives:**

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

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

IBS – other TCAs (amitriptyline, nortriptyline); other treatments depend on presentation of symptoms and may include SSRIs, antispasmodics, antidiarrheals, stool bulk-forming agents

**Monitoring Parameters:**

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

**References:**


