

Dose

- Epilepsy, *by mouth*, initially 100–200 mg 1–2 times daily, increased slowly (see Carbamazepine and related antiepileptics (Central nervous system)) to usual dose of 0.8–1.2 g daily in divided doses; in some cases 1.6–2 g daily in divided doses may be needed; **ELDERLY** reduce initial dose; **CHILD** daily in divided doses, up to 1 year 100–200 mg, 1–5 years 200–400 mg, 5–10 years 400–600 mg, 10–15 years 0.6–1 g
By rectum, for short-term use (max. 7 days) when oral therapy temporarily not possible; 125-mg suppository approx. equivalent to 100-mg tablet, but final adjustment should always depend on clinical response (plasma concentration monitoring recommended); max. 1 g daily in 4 divided doses
- Trigeminal neuralgia, *by mouth*, initially 100 mg 1–2 times daily (but some patients may require higher initial dose), increased gradually according to response; usual dose 200 mg 3–4 times daily, up to 1.6 g daily in some patients
- Prophylaxis of bipolar disorder unresponsive to lithium (see also section 4.2.3), *by mouth*, initially 400 mg daily in divided doses increased until symptoms controlled; usual range 400–600 mg daily; max. 1.6 g daily
- Treatment of alcohol withdrawal [unlicensed indication], *by mouth*, initially 800 mg daily in divided doses, reduced gradually over 5 days to 200 mg daily; usual treatment duration 7–10 days
- Diabetic neuropathy [unlicensed indication], *by mouth*, initially 100 mg 1–2 times daily, increased gradually according to response; usual dose 200 mg 3–4 times daily, up to 1.6 g daily in some patients

Note

Plasma concentration for optimum response 4–12 mg/litre (20–50 micromol/litre)

Sub-sections

▶ Carbamazepine (Non-proprietary) (PoM)

Tablets, carbamazepine 100 mg, net price 28 = £6.09; 200 mg, 28 = £5.39; 400 mg, 28 = £2.51. Label: 3, 8, counselling, blood, hepatic or skin disorder symptoms (see above), driving (see Driving (epilepsy))

Note

Patients being treated for epilepsy should be maintained on a specific manufacturer's branded or generic oral carbamazepine product. See also [MHRA/CHM advice](#)

Dental prescribing on NHS

Carbamazepine Tablets may be prescribed

► **Tegretol® (Novartis)** (PoM)

Tablets, scored, carbamazepine 100 mg, net price 84-tab pack = £2.07; 200 mg, 84-tab pack = £3.83; 400 mg, 56-tab pack = £5.02. Label: 3, 8, counselling, blood, hepatic or skin disorder symptoms (see above), driving (see [Driving \(epilepsy\)](#))

Chewtabs, orange, carbamazepine 100 mg, net price 56-tab pack = £3.16. Label: 3, 8, 21, 24, counselling, blood, hepatic or skin disorder symptoms (see above), driving (see [Driving \(epilepsy\)](#))

Liquid, sugar-free, carbamazepine 100 mg/5 mL. Net price 300-mL pack = £6.12. Label: 3, 8, counselling, blood, hepatic or skin disorder symptoms (see above), driving (see [Driving \(epilepsy\)](#))

Suppositories, carbamazepine 125 mg, net price 5 = £8.03; 250 mg, 5 = £10.71. Label: 3, 8, counselling, blood, hepatic or skin disorder symptoms (see above), driving (see [Driving \(epilepsy\)](#))

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