

# DRUGS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DEMENTIA

Generic	Brand	Formulations/Strengths	Usual Regimen*
<b>CHOLINESTERASE INHIBITORS</b>			
Donepezil	<b>Aricept</b>	Tabs: 5mg, 10mg, 23mg ODT: 5mg, 10mg	Mild-moderate: Initially 5mg daily at bedtime, may increase to 10mg daily after 4–6 weeks Moderate-severe: Initially 10mg daily at bedtime, may increase to 23mg daily after 3 months
Galantamine	<b>Razadyne</b>	Tabs: 4mg, 8mg, 12mg Soln: 4mg/mL	Initial: 4mg twice daily Maintenance: If well-tolerated may increase by 4mg twice daily at intervals of $\geq 4$ weeks; max 12mg twice daily (24mg/day)
Galantamine ER	<b>Razadyne ER</b>	Caps: 8mg, 16mg, 24mg	Initial: 8mg once daily in AM Maintenance: If well-tolerated may increase by 8mg/day at intervals of $\geq 4$ weeks; max 24mg/day
Rivastigmine	<b>Exelon</b>	Caps: 1.5mg, 3mg, 4.5mg, 6mg Soln: 2mg/mL Patches: 4.6mg/24hours, 9.5mg/24hours	Caps or soln: Initially 1.5mg twice daily; may increase by 1.5mg twice daily at intervals of $\geq 2$ weeks; usual range: 6–12mg/day; max 12mg/day Patch: Initially apply one 4.6mg/24hrs patch once daily; if tolerated may increase to 9.5mg/24hrs patch after 4 weeks
Tacrine	<b>Cognex</b>	Caps: 10mg, 20mg, 30mg, 40mg	Initial: 10mg 4 times daily Maintenance: If no transaminase elevations and tolerated, increase by 40mg/day in divided doses at $\geq 4$ week intervals to max 160mg/day
<b>N-METHYL-D-ASPARTATE RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST</b>			
Memantine	<b>Namenda</b>	Tabs: 5mg, 10mg Soln: 2mg/mL	Initial: 5mg once daily Maintenance: Titrate at intervals of at least 1 week to 5mg twice daily, then to 5mg and 10mg as separate doses, then to 10mg twice daily
Memantine XR	<b>Namenda XR</b>	Caps: 7mg, 14mg, 21mg, 28mg	Initial: 7mg once daily Maintenance: Titrate at intervals of at least 1 week in increments of 7mg once daily to target dose of 28mg once daily

## NOTES

Caps = capsules; Tabs = tablets; ODT = orally-disintegrating tablets; Soln = solution

\*For additional dosing information, including renal and hepatic impairment, titration and maximum recommended dose, see product labeling.

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