

ORAL CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS FOR HYPERTENSION

Generic	Brand (Company)	Strength(s) available	Formulation	Pharmaceutical design	Regimen
BENZOTHAZEPINES					
DILTIAZEM	Cardizem LA (AbbVie)	120mg, 180mg, 240mg, 300mg, 360mg, 420mg	ext-rel tabs	graded release tabs	once daily
	Cardizem CD (AbbVie)	120mg, 180mg, 240mg, 300mg, 360mg	ext-rel caps	coated beads in caps	once daily
	Dilacor XR (Actavis)	120mg, 180mg, 240mg	ext-rel caps	ext-rel tabs in caps	once daily
	Tiazac (Forest)	120mg, 180mg, 240mg, 300mg, 360mg, 420mg	ext-rel caps	ext-rel beads in caps	once daily
DIHYDROPYRIDINES					
AMLODIPINE	Norvasc (Pfizer)	2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg	tabs	tabs	once daily
	<i>Combination</i> Lotrel* (Novartis)	2.5/10, 5/10, 5/20, 5/40, 10/20, 10/40 (mg amlodipine/mg benazepril)	combination caps	caps	titrate
FELODIPINE	Plendil (AstraZeneca)	2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg	ext-rel tabs	hydrophilic gel	once daily
ISRADIPINE	DynaCirc CR (GSK)	5mg, 10mg	controlled-rel tabs	osmotic pump	once daily
NICARDIPINE	Nicardipine (various)	20mg, 30mg	caps	caps	three times daily
	Cardene SR (PDL Pharma)	30mg, 45mg, 60mg	sust-rel caps	encapsulated beads within capsule	twice daily
NIFEDIPINE	Adalat CC (Bayer)	30mg, 60mg, 90mg	ext-rel tabs	slow-release outer coat surrounds fast-release core	once daily
	Afeditab CR (Watson)	30mg, 60mg	ext-rel tabs	ext-rel tabs	once daily
	Procardia XL (Pfizer)	30mg, 60mg, 90mg	ext-rel tabs	osmotic pump	once daily
NISOLDIPINE	Sular (Shionogi)	8.5mg, 17mg, 25.5mg, 34mg	ext-rel tabs	coat core delivery system	once daily
DIPHENYLALKYLAMINES					
VERAPAMIL	Calan (Pfizer)	40mg, 80mg+, 120mg+	tabs	tabs	three times daily
	Calan SR (Pfizer)	120mg, 180mg+, 240mg+	sust-rel caplets	sodium alginate matrix	once-twice daily
	Covera-HS (Pfizer)	180mg, 240mg	ext-rel (controlled onset) tabs	delayed-release osmotic pump	once daily at bedtime
	Verelan (UCB)	120mg, 180mg, 240mg, 360mg	sust-rel caps	pellet-filled caps	once daily
	Verelan PM (UCB)	100mg, 200mg, 300mg	ext-rel (controlled onset) caps	polymer-coated beads in caps	once daily at bedtime
<i>Combination</i>	Tarka* (AbbVie)	2/180, 1/240, 2/240, 4/240 (mg trandolapril/mg verapamil)	combination tabs	immediate-release trandolapril and ext-rel verapamil	titrate

NOTES

Other products with similar names may be available for different uses. Use care to ensure that the patient receives the appropriate product. For more information see the individual product entries or contact the company marketing the product.

Caps = capsules; tabs = tablets; ext-rel = extended-release; sust-rel = sustained release; + = scored. With few exceptions, ext-rel and sust-rel products should not be crushed, chewed, or divided. This is to preserve the products' release characteristics.

Regimens shown are from manufacturers' suggested guidelines. Doses should be individualized.

Some of the products listed above have additional indications. See Alphabetical and Section indexes.

*These products also contain an ACE inhibitor.

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