

## MIGRAINE AND HEADACHE TREATMENTS (Part 1 of 3)

Generic	Strength	Brand	Form	Dose
<b>ANALGESIC + BARBITURATE</b>				
acetaminophen	325mg	—	℞ caps, tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 1–2 tabs or caps every 4hrs as needed; max 6/day <b>Children:</b> Not established.
butalbital	50mg			
caffeine	40mg			
acetaminophen	300mg	—	℞ caps	<b>Adults:</b> 1–2 caps every 4hrs as needed; max 6 caps/day. <b>Children:</b> Not established.
butalbital	50mg			
caffeine	40mg			
acetaminophen	325mg	—	℞ tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 1–2 tabs every 4hrs; max 6/day. <b>Children:</b> Not recommended.
butalbital	50mg			
<b>ANALGESIC + BARBITURATE + OPIOID</b>				
acetaminophen	325mg	<b>Fioricet w. Codeine</b>	CIII caps	<b>Adults:</b> 1–2 caps every 4hrs as needed; max 6 caps/day. <b>Children:</b> Not established.
butalbital	50mg			
caffeine	40mg			
codeine phosphate	30mg			
<b>ANALGESIC + SALICYLATE</b>				
acetaminophen	250mg	<b>Bayer Migraine Formula</b>	OTC caplets	<b>Adults:</b> 2 caplets with a glass of water; max 2 caplets/24hrs. <b>Children:</b> Not recommended.
aspirin	250mg			
caffeine	65mg			
acetaminophen	250mg	<b>Excedrin Migraine</b>	OTC caplets	<b>Adults:</b> 2 caplets with a glass of water; max 2/day. <b>Children:</b> Consult physician.
aspirin	250mg			
caffeine	65mg			
<b>BARBITURATE + SALICYLATE</b>				
aspirin	325mg	<b>Fiorinal</b>	CIII caps	<b>Adults:</b> 1–2 caps every 4hrs as needed; max 6 caps/day. <b>Children:</b> Not established.
butalbital	50mg			
caffeine	40mg			
<b>BARBITURATE + SALICYLATE + OPIOID</b>				
aspirin	325mg	<b>Fiorinal w. Codeine</b>	CIII caps	<b>Adults:</b> 1–2 caps every 4hrs as needed; max 6 caps/day. <b>Children:</b> Not established.
butalbital	50mg			
caffeine	40mg			
codeine phosphate	30mg			
<b>ERGOT ALKALOID</b>				
dihydroergotamine mesylate	1mg/mL	<b>D.H.E. 45</b>	℞ IM, IV, or SC inj	<b>Adults:</b> 1mL IV at 1hr intervals; max 2 doses/day. Or, 1mL IM or SC at 1hr intervals; max 3 doses/day. For all: max 6 doses/wk. Not for chronic use. <b>Children:</b> Not recommended.
	4mg/mL	<b>Migranal</b>	℞ nasal spray†	
ergotamine tartrate	1mg	—	℞ tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 2 tabs at onset of attack, then 1 tab every ½hr if needed; max 6 tabs/attack, 10 tabs/wk. <b>Children:</b> Not recommended.
caffeine	100mg			
ergotamine tartrate	2mg	—	℞ rectal supp	<b>Adults:</b> 1 supp rectally at onset of attack, then 1 supp after 1hr if needed; max 2 supps/attack, 5 supps/wk. <b>Children:</b> Not recommended.
caffeine	100mg			

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Generic	Strength	Brand	Form	Dose
<b>NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY (NSAID)</b>				
diclofenac potassium	50mg	<b>Cambia</b>	Rx buffered pwd for oral soln*	<b>Adults:</b> Mix 1 packet (50mg) with 30–60mL of water only and drink immediately. Not interchangeable with other forms of diclofenac.. <b>Children: &lt;18yrs: not recommended.</b>
ibuprofen	200mg	<b>Advil Migraine</b>	OTC liquid-filled caps	<b>Adults:</b> Usually 400mg once daily. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
	200mg	<b>Motrin Migraine Pain</b>	OTC caplets	<b>Adults:</b> Usually 200–400mg once daily. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
<b>SELECTIVE 5-HT<sub>1B/1D</sub> RECEPTOR AGONIST</b>				
almotriptan (as malate)	6.25mg, 12.5mg	<b>Axert</b>	Rx tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 6.25–12.5mg single dose; may repeat once after 2hrs; max 25mg/24hrs. <i>Hepatic impairment, CrCl 10–30mL/min, or concomitant potent CYP3A4 inhibitors:</i> initially 6.25mg once; max 12.5mg/24hrs. The safety of treating an average of more than 4 migraines over 30 days is not established. <b>Children: Not established.</b>
eletriptan HBr	20mg, 40mg	<b>Relpax</b>	Rx tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 20mg or 40mg once. May repeat once after 2hrs; max 80mg/day. The safety of treating an average of more than 3 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <b>Children: Not established.</b>
frovatriptan (as succinate)	2.5mg	<b>Frova</b>	Rx tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 2.5mg with fluids; may repeat once after 2hrs; max 7.5mg/24hrs. The safety of treating an average of more than 4 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
naratriptan HCl	1mg, 2.5mg	<b>Amerge</b>	Rx tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 1mg or 2.5mg with fluids; may repeat once after 4hrs; max 5mg/24hrs. The safety of treating, on average, more than 4 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <i>Mild-to-moderate renal/hepatic impairment:</i> initially 1mg; max 2.5mg/24hrs. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
rizatriptan (as benzoate)	5mg, 10mg	<b>Maxalt</b>	Rx tabs	<b>Adults:</b> Initially 5 or 10mg; may repeat after 2hrs; max 30mg/day. <i>Concomitant propranolol:</i> 5mg; max 3 doses/day. The safety of treating, on average, more than 4 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
	5mg, 10mg	<b>Maxalt-MLT</b>	Rx ODT*	
sumatriptan (as succinate)	6mg/0.5mL	<b>Alsuma</b>	Rx soln for SC inj	<b>Adults:</b> One (6mg) dose SC to the lateral thigh or upper arm only. May repeat after 1hr; max two (6mg) doses in 24hrs. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
	4mg/0.5mL, 6mg/0.5mL	<b>Imitrex Injection</b>	Rx SC inj	<b>Adults:</b> 6mg SC (may start at lower dose if 6mg not tolerated). May repeat after 1hr; max two 6mg doses in 24hrs. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
	5mg/spray, 20mg/spray	<b>Imitrex Nasal Spray</b>	Rx nasal spray	<b>Adults:</b> 5mg, 10mg, or 20mg once. May repeat once after 2hrs; max 40mg/day. The safety of treating an average of more than 4 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>

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## MIGRAINE AND HEADACHE TREATMENTS (Part 3 of 3)

Generic	Strength	Brand	Form	Dose
<b>SELECTIVE 5-HT<sub>1B/1D</sub> RECEPTOR AGONIST (continued)</b>				
sumatriptan (as succinate) (continued)	25mg, 50mg, 100mg	<b>Imitrex Tablets</b>	℞ tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 25–100mg once, swallow whole with fluids as soon as possible after migraine onset; may repeat dose at intervals of at least 2hrs, max 200mg/day; or single-dose tablets up to 100mg/day if injection has been used. The safety of treating an average of more than 4 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
	11mg	<b>Onzetra Xsail</b>	℞ caps for nasal inh	<b>Adults:</b> 1 nosepiece (11mg) in each nostril (22mg total), using Xsail delivery device. May repeat once after ≥2hrs; max 44mg (4 nosepieces)/day or one dose of Onzetra Xsail and one dose of another sumatriptan product separated by ≥2hrs. The safety of treating an average of more than 4 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <b>Children: Not established.</b>
	6mg/0.5mL	<b>Sumavel DosePro</b>	℞ soln for SC inj	<b>Adults:</b> 6mg SC to the abdomen or thigh only. Reevaluate if no response. May repeat after 1hr; max 12mg in 24hrs. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
	3mg/0.5mL	<b>Zembrace Symtouch</b>	℞ soln for SC inj	<b>Adults:</b> 3mg SC. May repeat after ≥1hr; max 12mg in 24hrs. May also be given ≥1hr after another sumatriptan product. <b>Children: &lt;18yrs: not recommended.</b>
zolmitriptan	2.5mg+, 5mg	<b>Zomig</b>	℞ tabs	<b>Adults:</b> Initially 1.25–2.5mg; max recommended single dose: 5mg. If headache returns, may repeat after 2hrs; max 10mg/day. The safety of treating an average of more than 3 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <i>Concomitant cimetidine:</i> max single dose: 2.5mg, not to exceed 5mg in 24-hr period. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
	5mg/spray	<b>Zomig Nasal Spray</b>	℞ nasal spray	<b>Adults:</b> 5mg once. If headache returns, may repeat once after 2hrs; max 10mg/day. The safety of treating an average of more than 4 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
	2.5mg, 5mg	<b>Zomig-ZMT</b>	℞ ODT*	<b>Adults:</b> Initially 1.25–2.5mg; max recommended single dose: 5mg. If headache returns, may repeat after 2hrs; max 10mg/day. The safety of treating an average of more than 3 headaches in a 30-day period has not been established. <i>Concomitant cimetidine:</i> max single dose: 2.5mg, not to exceed 5mg in 24-hr period. <b>Children: Not recommended.</b>
<b>SELECTIVE 5-HT<sub>1B/1D</sub> RECEPTOR AGONIST + NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY (NSAID)</b>				
sumatriptan succinate/naproxen sodium	10/60mg, 85/500mg	<b>Treximet</b>	℞ tabs	<b>Adults:</b> 1 tab (85/500mg) once; may repeat once after 2hrs; max 2 tabs/day. <i>Mild-to-moderate hepatic impairment:</i> 1 tab (10/60mg)/day. The safety of treating an average of more than 5 migraines in a 30-day period has not been established. <b>Children: &lt;12yrs: Not established.</b> 12–17yrs: 1 tab (10/60mg) once; max 1 tab (85/500mg)/day. The safety of treating an average of more than 2 migraines in a 30-day period has not been established.

### NOTES

**Key:** ODT = orally disintegrating tablets; soln = solution; supp = suppositories; + = scored tablets \* = contains phenylalanine; † = contains caffeine  
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