



# Medicine Supply Notification

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Memantine (Valios<sup>®</sup>) 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets sugar free

Tier 2 – medium impact\*

Date of issue: 29/05/2024

Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

## Summary

- Valios<sup>®</sup> 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets are out of stock until late August 2024.
- Valios<sup>®</sup> 5mg orodispersible tablets remain available and can support a partial increase in demand.
- Memantine 10mg/ml oral solution and Ebixa<sup>®</sup> 5mg pump oral solution remain available and can support an increase in demand.

## Actions Required

Clinicians should:

- not initiate new patients on Valios<sup>®</sup> 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets until the supply issue resolves;
- consider prescribing memantine 10mg/ml oral solution or Ebixa<sup>®</sup> 5mg pump oral solution ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients and is counselled on the appropriate dose and volume required (see supporting information below);
- where alternative formulations are not suitable, consider prescribing Valios<sup>®</sup> 5mg orodispersible tablets to make up the dose, which can support a partial increase in demand; and
- if the above options are not considered appropriate, advice should be sought from specialists on alternative management options.

Patients and carers should be counselled on any change of formulation and how to administer the dose.

## Supporting Information

### Clinical Information

Memantine orodispersible tablets are licensed for the treatment of moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease in adults. Other formulations of memantine are licensed for the same indication.

Memantine oral solution is a suitable alternative to orodispersible tablets, and the same dose can be used.

### Links to further information

[SmPC Valios<sup>®</sup> orodispersible tablets](#)  
[SmPC Ebixa<sup>®</sup> 5mg pump oral solution](#)

[SmPC memantine 10mg/ml oral solution](#)  
[BNF memantine](#)

## Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact [DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk)

\*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>