

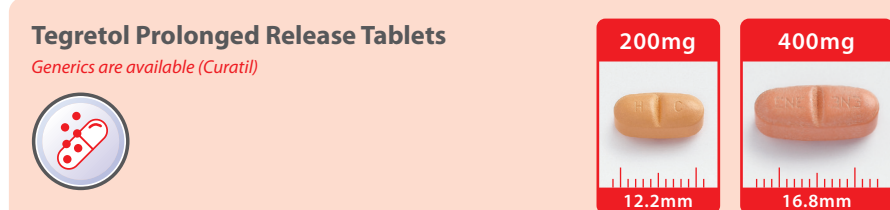
# ANTI-SEIZURE MEDICATION

If you think a patient should be maintained on a specific manufacturer's product, prescribe either by specifying brand name or by using the generic drug name and name of the manufacturer.<sup>1</sup>

## CATEGORY 1<sup>1</sup>

For these drugs, prescribers are advised to ensure that their patient is maintained on a specific manufacturer's product.

### CARBAMAZEPINE

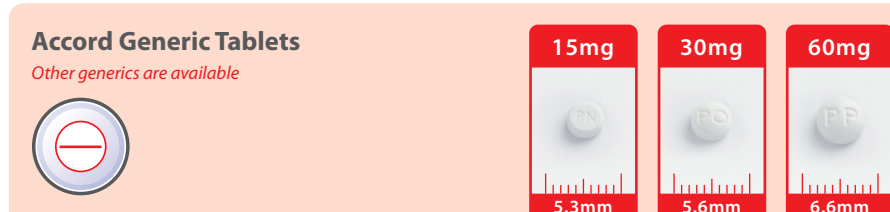


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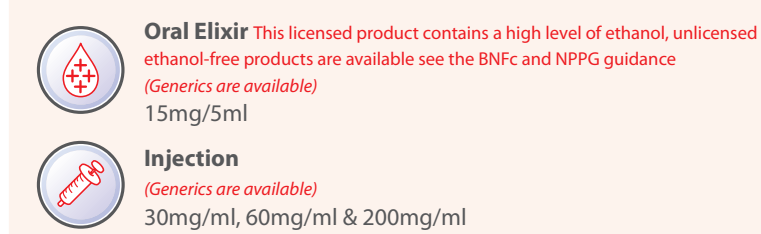


### PHENOBARBITAL

There are no branded originator tablets or capsules for this product



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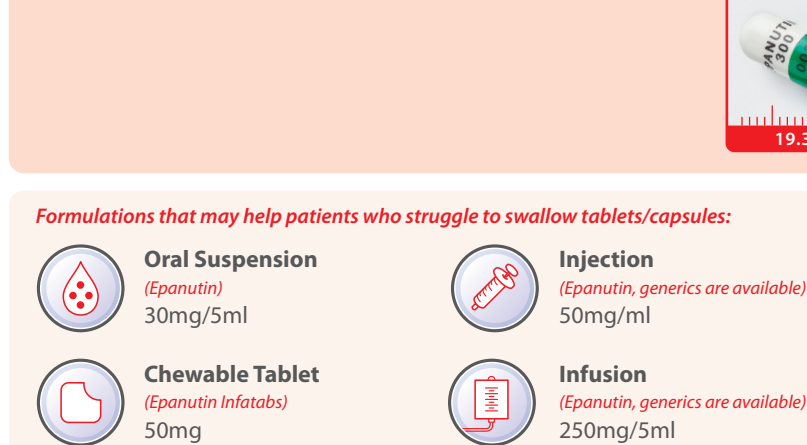


### PHENYTOIN

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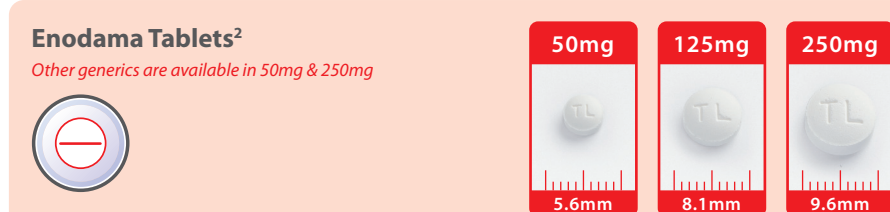


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### PRIMIDONE

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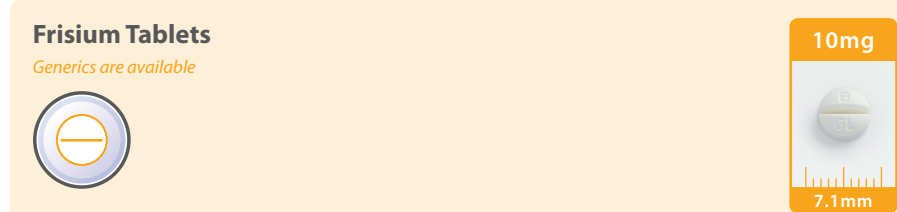


There are no licensed formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules.

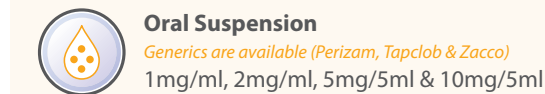
## CATEGORY 2<sup>1</sup>

For these drugs, the need for continued supply of a particular manufacturer's product should be based on clinical judgement and consultation with patient and/or carer, taking into account factors such as seizure frequency and treatment history.

### CLOBAZAM

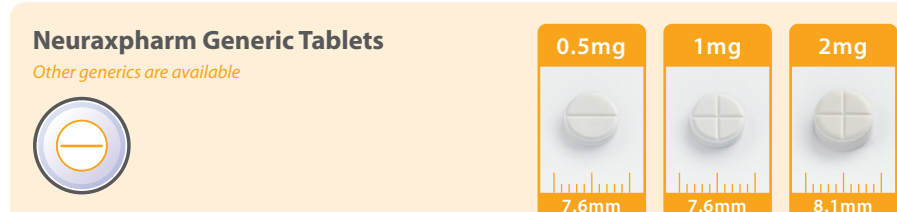


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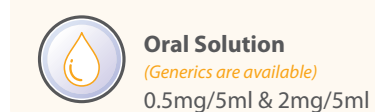


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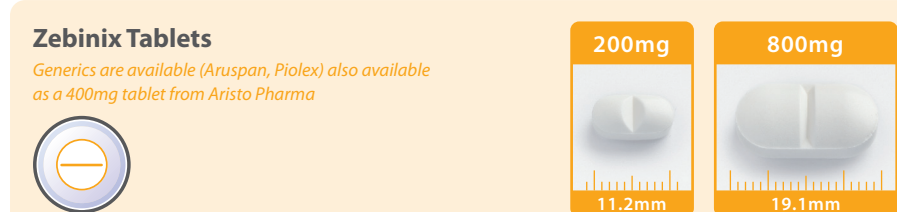
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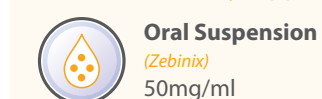
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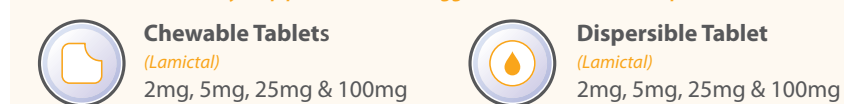
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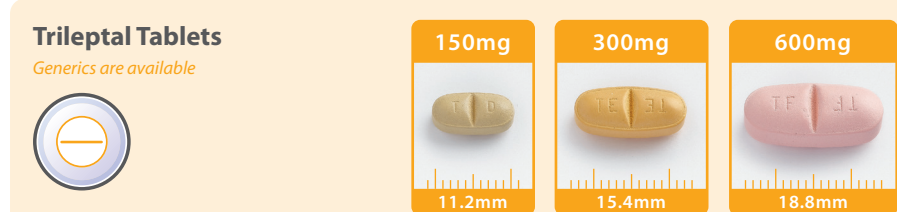
### LAMOTRIGINE



Formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules:



### OXCARBAZEPINE



Formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules:



### PERAMPANEL



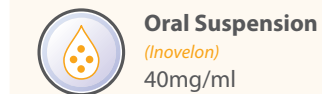
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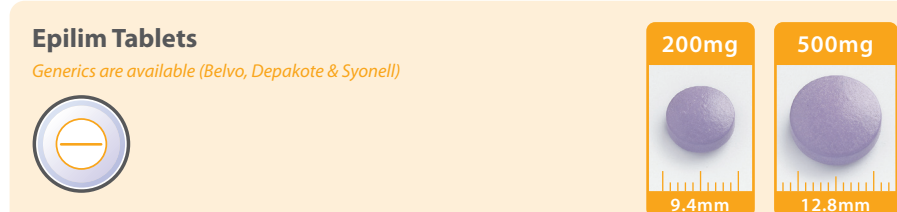
### RUFINAMIDE



Formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules:



### SODIUM VALPROATE/VALPROIC ACID/ VALPROATE SEMISODIUM



Formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules:



### TOPIRAMATE



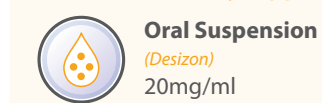
Formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules:



### ZONISAMIDE



Formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules:



Below are the brand leader or originator of the currently licensed anti-seizure medication for treating epilepsy in children and adults and alternative formulations available for those unable to swallow tablet or capsules. The size and shape of tablets and capsules can impact on a patient's ability to swallow them. The photos and measurements of the tablets and capsules are there to aid formulation choice. Please note that generic versions of these products are available for most actives, but they may differ in size and shape.

## CATEGORY 3<sup>1</sup>

For these drugs, it is usually unnecessary to ensure that patients are maintained on a specific manufacturer's product unless there are specific reasons such as patient anxiety and risk of confusion or dosing errors.

### BRIVARACETAM

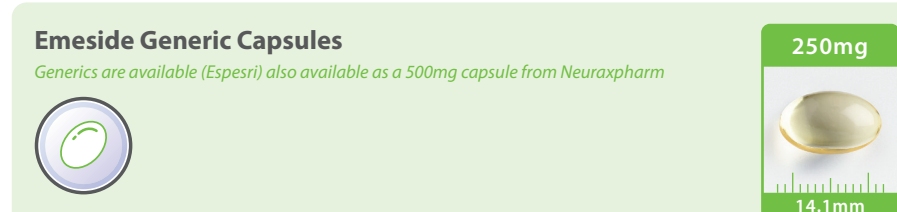


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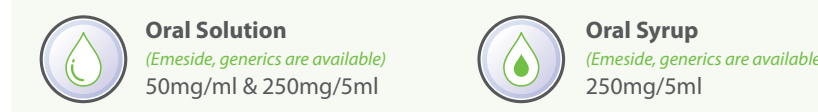


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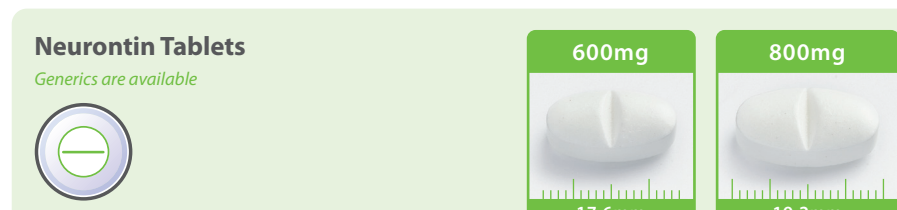
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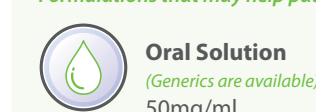
Formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules:



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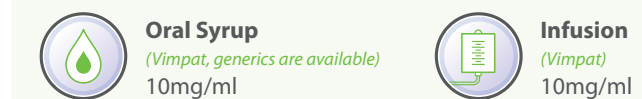
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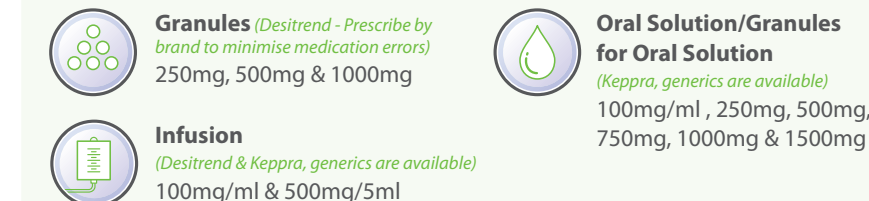
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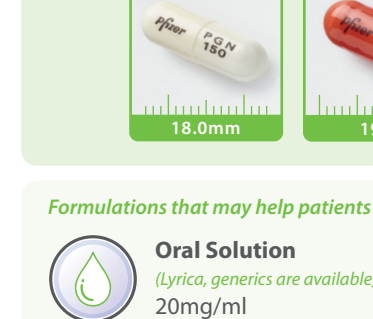
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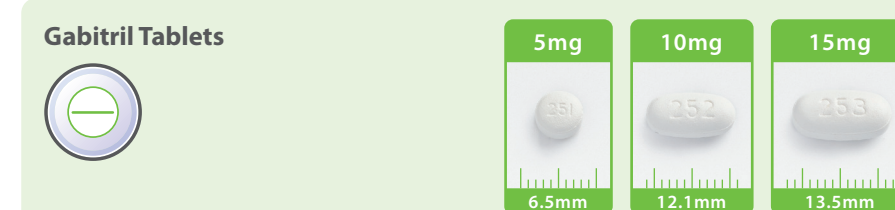
### PREGABALIN



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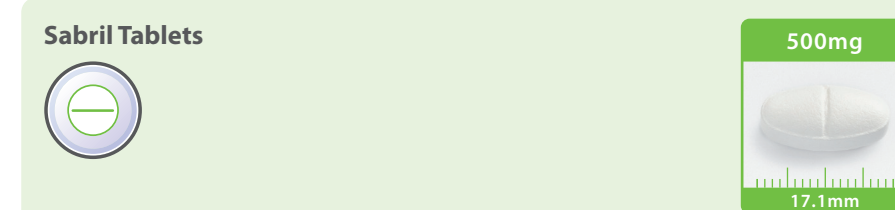


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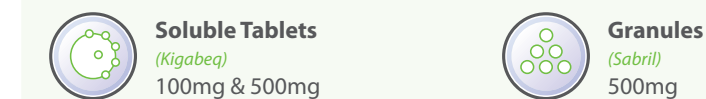


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### VIGABATRIN

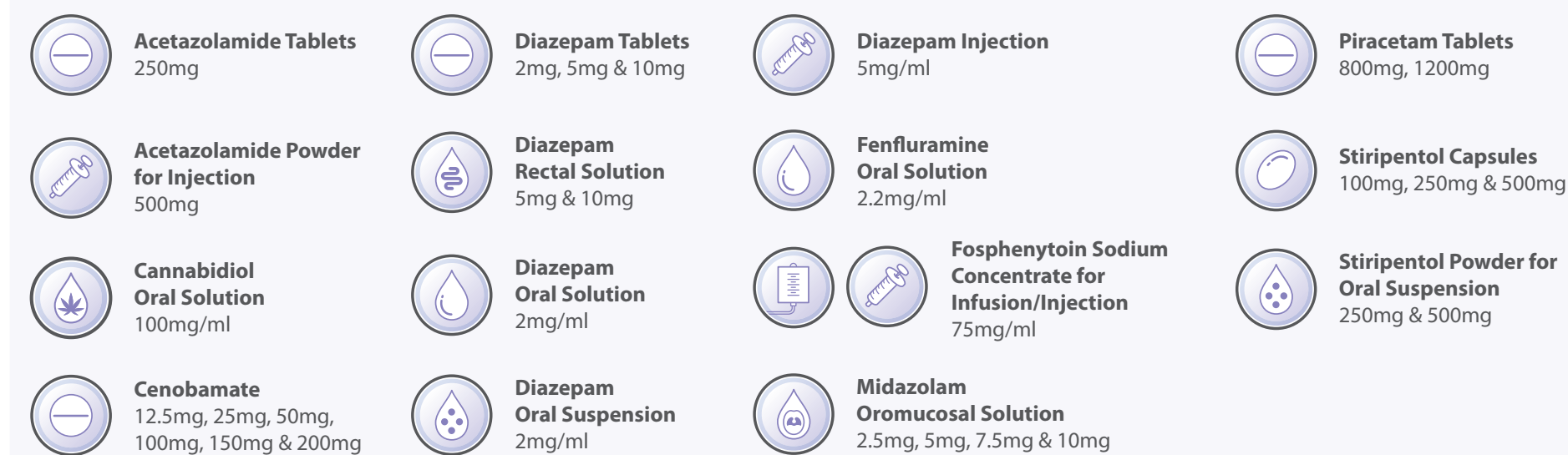


Formulations that may help patients who struggle to swallow tablets/capsules:



## UNCLASSIFIED ANTI-SEIZURE MEDICATION

There are a number of products that are used in the treatment of epilepsy that do not fall into any of the MHRA categories.



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## WE KNOW ...

That for anti-seizure medications (ASMs), the choice of active ingredient is important... but so is the formulation.

## WHICH MEANS ...

- For new ASM initiations, there should be an informed decision made on the best formulation of the chosen active ingredient in order to optimise the outcomes for that patient.
- Not all formulations contain the same excipients. Excipients are particularly important for children, for example products may contain alcohol, colouring agents or preservatives. See Swallowingdifficulties.com below for more information.
- For continuity of care, the specialist's choice of formulation should be adhered to on renewing and fulfilling the prescription.
- On reviewing patients - if they are not seizure free - consideration should be given to whether they are on the optimal formulation of that active ingredient to optimise their outcomes.

## Swallowing Difficulties



For more information on the types and amounts of "excipients of concern" in each product.  
[www.swallowingdifficulties.com](http://www.swallowingdifficulties.com)

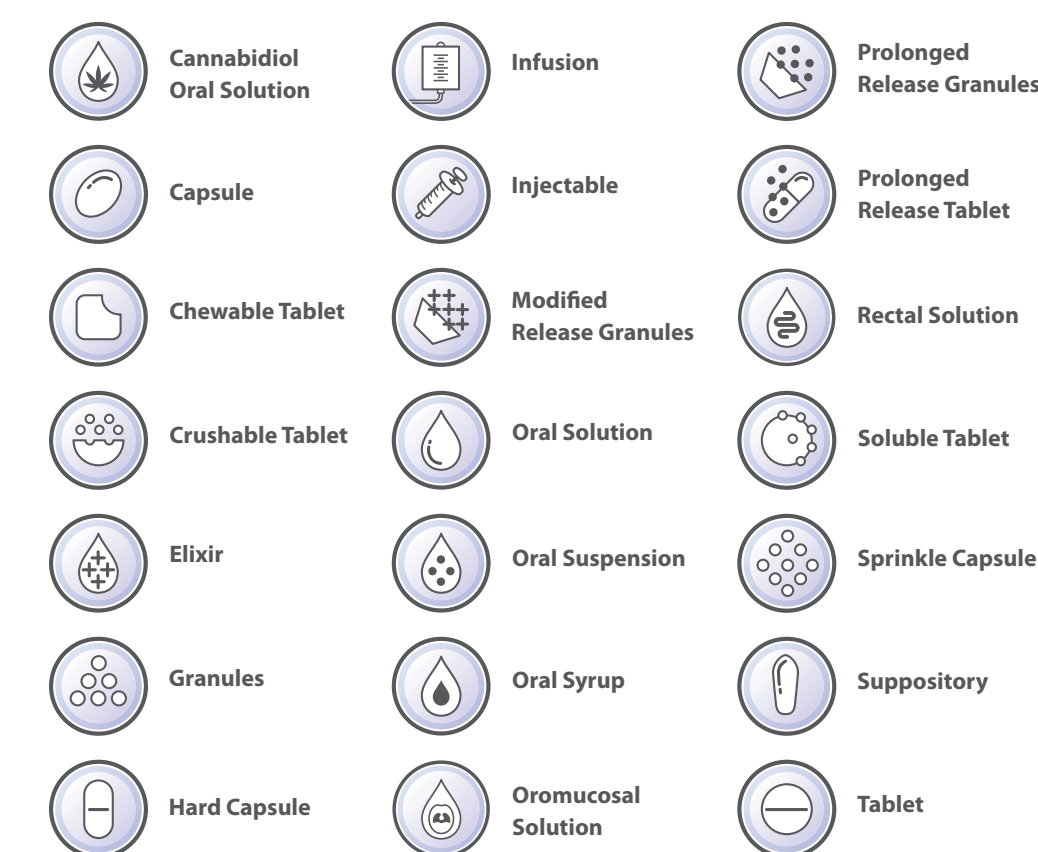


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## FORMULATION KEY



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