

DESVENLAFAXINE (PRISTIQ)

Provider Tip Sheet

DOSING INFORMATION

- Week 1: Obtain blood pressure and weight. Consider BMP for baseline sodium in older adults. Start: 50 mg qday. Initial Target and Typical Dose: 50 mg qday. Max Dose: No evidence of additional benefit for doses greater than 50 mg. Discontinuation: Gradual rather than abrupt discontinuation. Reduce dose to 25mg po daily for duration depending on length of treatment, need to reduce risk of relapse, and need to minimize withdrawal symptoms.

MONITORING

- Blood pressure, weight. Consider posttreatment BMP to rule out hyponatremia in older adults.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Mechanism of Action: Serotonin/Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SNRI).
- FDA Indications: MDD.
- Off-Label Indications: None.
- Pharmacokinetics: $T_{1/2} = 11$ hr. Common Side effects (MDD): Nausea (22%), dizziness (13%), hyperhidrosis (10%), insomnia (9%), constipation (9%), decreased appetite (5%), specific male sexual function disorders (4%).
- Black Box Warning: Increased SI in patients < 25 y/o. Contraindications: Use of a MAOI within 7 days of stopping Pristiq, concurrent use of a MAOI including drugs with significant MAOI activity (e.g., linezolid), or use of Pristiq within 14 days of stopping a MAOI.
- Warnings and Precautions: Clinical worsening/suicide risk, serotonin symptoms or NMS, elevated blood pressure, abnormal bleeding, narrow angle glaucoma, hypomanic/manic switch, discontinuation syndrome, seizure, hyponatremia, interstitial lung disease and eosinophilic pneumonia.
- Metabolism/Pharmacogenomics: Primarily metabolized by conjugation. Minor metabolism by 3A4. Significant drug-drug interactions: Minimal; potential for abnormal bleeding with NSAIDs or anticoagulants; check all drug- drug interactions before prescribing.
- Dosage Form: Tablet (Do not cut, crush or chew). Generic available: Yes.

Support

We are committed to the care and well-being of our members. We are also committed to working with you as a partner to develop the best possible treatment plans for all patients.

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