

Reference for Commonly Used Migraine Medications

When completing a prior authorization for a Pfizer migraine medication, you may need to document migraine medications that your patient has tried or is currently taking.

Medications used in the acute treatment of migraine in adults¹⁻⁸

| Therapeutic class | Examples |
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| CGRP receptor antagonists | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nurtec[®] ODT (rimegepant)• UBRELVY[®] (ubrogepant)• ZAVZPRET[®] (zavegepant) |
| Combination therapies | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excedrin[®] Migraine (acetaminophen, aspirin, and caffeine)• TREXIMET[®] (sumatriptan/naproxen sodium) |
| Ergotamines | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dihydroergotamine (eg, Migranal[®] [dihydroergotamine mesylate])• Ergotamine (eg, Ergomar[®] [ergotamine tartrate]) |
| NSAIDs/acetaminophen | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acetaminophen• Aspirin• Diclofenac (eg, CAMBIA[®] [diclofenac potassium])• Ibuprofen |
| Opioids | One or more medications in this class have been used to treat migraine. Examples include hydrocodone, oxycodone, and tramadol. |
| Triptans | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMERGE[®] (naratriptan)• AXERT[®] (almotriptan)• FROVA[®] (frovatriptan succinate)• IMITREX[®] (sumatriptan)• MAXALT[®] (rizatriptan benzoate)• RELPAX[®] (eletriptan HBr)• TOSYMRA[®] (sumatriptan nasal spray)• ZOMIG[®] (zolmitriptan) |

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Not all medications listed are approved for the acute treatment of migraine. Not intended to encourage or suggest a medication use that is inconsistent with FDA-approved uses. All trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

CGRP, calcitonin gene-related peptide; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; NSAID, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

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Medications for preventive treatment of migraine in adults^{1,4,5,9-13}

| Therapeutic class | Examples |
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| ACE inhibitors/ARBs | One or more medications in this class have been used to treat migraine. Examples include candesartan and lisinopril. |
| Antidepressants | One or more medications in this class have been used to treat migraine. Examples include amitriptyline, duloxetine, nortriptyline, and venlafaxine. |
| Antiepileptics/anticonvulsants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depakote® (divalproex sodium) Topiramate (eg, TOPAMAX® [topiramate]) |
| Beta blockers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metoprolol Timolol Propranolol |
| Botulinum toxin type A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOTOX® (onabotulinumtoxinA) |
| Calcium channel blockers | One or more medications in this class have been used to treat migraine. Example: verapamil. |
| CGRP receptor antagonists/ CGRP antagonists | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimovig® (erenumab-aooe) AJOVY® (fremanezumab-vfrm) Emgality® (galcanezumab-gnlm) Nurtec® ODT (rimegepant) QULIPTA® (atogepant) VYEPTI® (eptinezumab-jjmr) |

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ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARBs, angiotensin receptor blockers; CGRP, calcitonin gene-related peptide; FDA, Food and Drug Administration.

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