

## Drugs to Treat Alzheimer's Disease – Cost Comparison

Updated November 2006 (Costs for September 2006)

	Generic Name and Dose	Brand Name	Frequency of Use per Day <sup>1</sup>	Average Monthly Cost <sup>2</sup>
CR BEST BUY	Donepezil tablet 5mg	Aricept	One	\$181
CR BEST BUY	Donepezil tablet 10mg	Aricept	One	\$178
CR BEST BUY	Galantamine tablet 4mg	Razadyne (Reminyl) <sup>3</sup>	Two	\$181
CR BEST BUY	Galantamine tablet 8mg	Razadyne (Reminyl) <sup>3</sup>	Two	\$177
CR BEST BUY	Galantamine tablet 12mg	Razadyne (Reminyl) <sup>3</sup>	Two	\$181
CR BEST BUY	Galantamine sustained release capsule 8mg	Razadyne ER	One	\$181 <sup>4</sup>
CR BEST BUY	Galantamine sustained release capsule 16mg	Razadyne ER	One	\$178 <sup>4</sup>
CR BEST BUY	Galantamine sustained release capsule 24mg	Razadyne ER	One	\$178 <sup>4</sup>
CR BEST BUY	Memantine tablet 5mg	Namenda	Two	\$176
CR BEST BUY	Memantine tablet 10mg	Namenda	Two	\$170
	Rivastigmine capsule 1.5mg	Exelon	Two	\$214
	Rivastigmine capsule 3mg	Exelon	Two	\$205
	Rivastigmine capsule 4.5mg	Exelon	Two	\$205
	Rivastigmine capsule 6mg	Exelon	Two	\$184
	Tacrine capsule 10mg	Cognex	Four	\$353 <sup>5</sup>
	Tacrine capsule 40mg	Cognex	Four	\$174 <sup>5</sup>

1 Frequency of use reflects usual frequency; some products may be used more or less frequently.

2 Prices reflect nationwide retail average for September 2006, rounded to the nearest dollar (except where noted); information derived by Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs from data provided by Wolters Kluwer Health, Pharmaceutical Audit Suite.

3 Brand name for galantamine was changed from Reminyl to Razadyne in April 2005 in the U.S. to avoid name confusion with the diabetes drug Amaryl.

4 Monthly cost is from October 2005. Unable to obtain an updated price for September 2006 from our database.

5 Monthly cost based on very few prescriptions.