

Drugs to Treat Migraines – The Triptans – Cost Comparison

Updated November 2006 (Costs for September 2006)

Generic Name and Dose	Brand Name	Maximum Allowed Dose Per 24 Hours	Price Per Dose ¹	Average Monthly Cost ¹ (If two migraines a month and take one pill or dose per attack)	Average Monthly Cost ¹ (If two migraines a month and take maximum allowed amount per attack, over 24 hours)
Almotriptan tablet 6.25mg	Axert	12.5mg	\$25	\$51	\$101
Almotriptan tablet 12.5mg	Axert	12.5mg	\$24	\$48	\$48
Eletriptan tablet 20mg	Relpax	80mg	\$25	\$50	\$199
Eletriptan tablet 40mg	Relpax	80mg	\$25	\$49	\$99
Frovatriptan tablet 2.5mg	Frova	7.5mg	\$26	\$52	\$156
CR BEST BUY Naratriptan tablet 1mg	Amerge	5.0mg	\$27	\$55	\$275
CR BEST BUY Naratriptan tablet 2.5mg	Amerge	5.0mg	\$27	\$53	\$107
CR BEST BUY Rizatriptan tablet 5mg	Maxalt	30mg	\$26	\$51	\$306
CR BEST BUY Rizatriptan tablet 10mg	Maxalt	30mg	\$25	\$51	\$152
CR BEST BUY Rizatriptan dissolvable tablet 5mg	Maxalt MLT	30mg	\$25	\$49	\$297
CR BEST BUY Rizatriptan dissolvable tablet 10mg	Maxalt MLT	30mg	\$25	\$49	\$147
CR BEST BUY Sumatriptan nasal 5mg	Imitrex	40mg	\$33	\$66	\$528
CR BEST BUY Sumatriptan nasal 20mg	Imitrex	40mg	\$32	\$64	\$128
CR BEST BUY Sumatriptan tablet 25mg	Imitrex	200mg	\$28	\$57	\$453
CR BEST BUY Sumatriptan tablet 50mg	Imitrex	200mg	\$25	\$50	\$200
CR BEST BUY Sumatriptan tablet 100mg	Imitrex	200mg	\$25	\$51	\$101
CR BEST BUY Sumatriptan injectables - 6mg	Imitrex	6mg	\$79	\$158	\$158
Zolmitriptan tablet 2.5mg	Zomig	10mg	\$24	\$48	\$193
Zolmitriptan tablet 5mg	Zomig	10mg	\$25	\$50	\$100
Zolmitriptan dissolvable tablet 2.5mg	Zomig ZMT	10mg	\$23	\$46	\$184
Zolmitriptan dissolvable tablet 5mg	Zomig ZMT	10mg	\$25	\$51	\$102
Zolmitriptan nasal 5mg	Zomig	10mg	\$32	\$64	\$128

1. Prices per dose and monthly costs derive from national average retail costs for September 2006 (except where noted), rounded to the nearest dollar. Information derived by *Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs* from data provided by Wolters Kluwer Health, Pharmaceutical Audit Suite.
2. We were unable to get updates for September 2006. Prices reflect those from late 2005. Price of sumatriptan Imitrex injectable averaged over four injectable forms.