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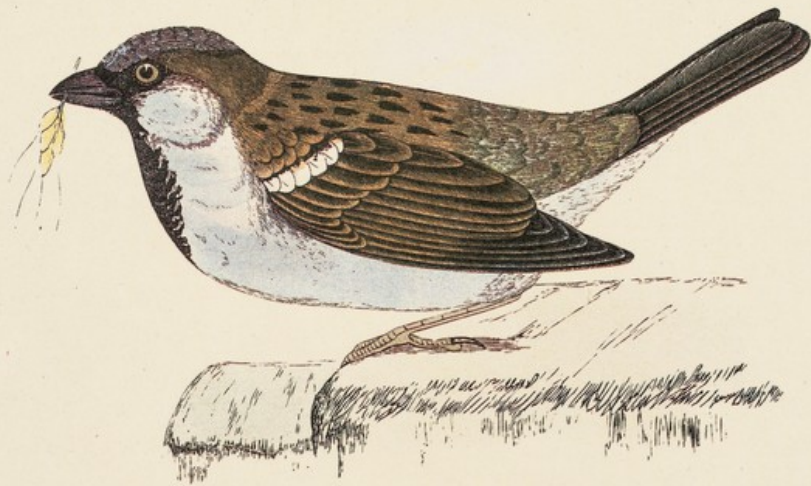
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# Trandate

## TABLETS (labetalol hydrochloride)

Single drug therapy for the management of all grades of hypertension

### PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COST

Trandate Tablets 100mg, 200mg and 400mg each contain labetalol hydrochloride 100mg, 200mg and 400mg, respectively. In packs of 50 and 250. Basic NHS cost of 50 tablets £3.44, £4.88 and £7.76, respectively. PL 0045/0106, PL 0045/0107 and PL 0045/0109.

### INDICATIONS

For the treatment of all grades of hypertension (mild, moderate and severe).

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The usual initial dosage should not exceed 100mg 3 times daily. Dosage adjustment should be gradual. Most patients are controlled with 600mg daily or less, but severe cases may require up to 2,400mg daily. Administration should be after a main meal. Once dosage is stabilised a twice-daily regimen may be introduced.

*Children:* Not applicable.

For use with other agents or transfer to Trandate from other drugs, see Data Sheet.

### CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

Trandate should not be given to patients with uncontrolled or digitalis-resistant heart failure or with atrioventricular block. Caution is necessary in patients with asthma or prone to bronchospasm. Patients with severe liver damage will probably require lower doses of Trandate than usual. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable.

**Warning:** There have been reports of skin rashes and/or dry eyes associated with the use of beta-adrenoceptor blocking drugs. The reported incidence is small and in most cases the symptoms have cleared when the drug was withdrawn. Discontinuance of the drug should be considered if any such reaction is not otherwise explicable. Cessation of therapy with a beta-adrenoceptor blocking drug should be gradual.

Symptoms of postural hypotension may occur if initial dosage is too high or increased too rapidly but are uncommon, except at very high doses, if used as recommended. Mild and usually transient side effects include: headache, tiredness, dizziness, depressed mood, lethargy, difficulty in micturition, epigastric pain, and nausea and vomiting. Tingling in the scalp has occasionally occurred but is usually transient. Rarely, a lichenoid rash has been reported which disappears on drug withdrawal. Other skin rashes, blurring of vision, eye irritation and cramps have been reported but have been difficult to relate directly to Trandate treatment.

## SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

### HOUSE SPARROW

*Passer domesticus*

This comparatively sedentary bird may be seen throughout Britain anywhere near human occupation. It is not, as many people believe, the most common British bird, the population of both Blackbird and Chaffinch being larger. Dependent on man for food it is, however, probably the most commonly seen. Feeds on grain, seed, insects and household scraps. Crocuses and other flowers may be torn apart by this bird, only part of the petals being eaten. Its voice consists of a variety of 'chirps' or a 'churring' sound. In courtship the female is surrounded by a number of displaying males but once paired they generally remain faithful for life. Both birds build a loose nest of straw, hay and feathers in a hole in a building, under caves or in a bush. 4-6 greyish-white eggs, speckled with dark grey, are laid. There may be three clutches in a year. Both birds reach 6 inches (15 cm) in length. The brown female lacks the black bib and grey crown of the male.

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

### LEGAL CATEGORY

Prescription only medicine.

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