

Conversion of oral dopamine agonists to rotigotine patch

The maximum dose of rotigotine is 16mg/24hours. The patches are available in 2mg / 4mg / 6mg / 8mg strengths. Do **not** cut patches to achieve the correct dose.

Conversion table 2: Conversion of oral dopamine agonists to rotigotine patch

Pramipexole base content	Prolonged Release Pramipexole base content	Ropinirole	Modified Release Ropinirole	Rotigotine Patch
0.088mg tds (0.125mg tds salt content)	0.26mg/day (0.375mg/day salt content)	0.75mg tds	2mg/day	2mg/24hrs
0.18mg tds (0.25mg tds salt content)	0.52mg/day (0.75mg/day salt content)	1mg tds	4mg/day	4mg/24hrs
0.35mg tds (0.5mg tds salt content)	1.05mg/day (1.5mg/day salt content)	2mg tds	6mg/day	6mg/24hrs
0.53mg tds (0.75mg tds salt content)	1.57mg/day (2.25mg/day salt content)	3mg tds	8mg/day	8mg/24hrs
0.7mg tds (1mg tds salt content)	2.1mg/day (3mg/day salt content)	4mg tds	12mg/day	10-12mg/24hrs
0.88mg tds (1.25mg tds salt content)	2.62mg/day (3.75mg/day salt content)	6mg tds	16mg/day	14mg/24hrs
1.05mg tds (1.5mg tds salt content)	3.15mg/day (4.5mg/day salt content)	8mg tds	24mg/day	16mg/24hrs

Guidance for switching PD patients from rotigotine patch back to their usual oral PD medications once they can swallow medications safely

Once the patient can safely swallow their oral medication, consideration should be given to switching the patient back from rotigotine patch to their usual oral PD medication regimen.

In general terms, it is not recommended that the switch from rotigotine patch back to oral PD medication is carried out during out of hours. It is recommended that the switch is carried out during working hours with the support of a PD specialist.