



Preferred Drug List

NEW DRUG REVIEW

Proprietary Name: Nuvigil™

Common Name: Armodafinil

PDL Category: Stimulants- Other Stimulants/Like Stimulants

<u>Comparable Products</u>	<u>Preferred Drug List Status</u>
Provigil	Preferred

Summary

Indications and Usage: Treatment of excessive sleepiness associated with obstructive sleep apnea/hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS), narcolepsy, and shift work sleep disorder (SWSD).¹

Mechanism of Action: Exact mechanism of action is unknown.¹

Dosage Forms: Tablets: 50mg, 150mg, and 250mg

Recommended Dosage: OSAHS and Narcolepsy: 150 mg or 250 mg given as a single dose in the morning.
SWSD: 150 mg given daily approximately 1 hour prior to the start of the work shift.¹

Common Adverse Drug Reactions: Headache, dizziness, nausea, diarrhea, insomnia, decreased appetite, upset stomach.¹

Contraindications: Patients with known hypersensitivity to modafinil and armodafinil or its inactive ingredients.¹

Manufacturer: Cephalon, Inc.

Analysis: Nuvigil™, a single-isomer formulation of Provigil®, is indicated to improve wakefulness in patients with OSAHS, narcolepsy, and SWSD. In the trials used to gain FDA approval, Nuvigil™ was only compared to placebo. Provigil®, also a central nervous system stimulant, has efficacy trials with similar endpoints when compared with placebo. Preferred alternatives appear on the Preferred Drug List, which have similar clinical efficacy and are more cost effective. Therefore, it is recommended that Nuvigil™ be added to the Preferred Drug List as a non-preferred drug with conditions.

IME Recommendation:

<input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Drug	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended Drug
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Preferred Drug	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Recommended Drug
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Preferred Drug with Conditions	

1. Nuvigil™ [package insert]. Frazer, PA: Cephalon, Inc.; 2008.