



Preferred Drug List

NEW DRUG REVIEW

Proprietary Name: Savella™

Common Name: Milnacipran HCL

PDL Category: Antidepressants- Selected SSRI'S

<u>Comparable Products</u>	<u>Preferred Drug List Status</u>
Cymbalta	Preferred
Lyrica	Non-Preferred

Summary

Indications and Usage: Treatment of fibromyalgia.¹

Mechanism of Action: Exact mechanism of action is unknown. The mechanism is thought to be blockade of the reuptake of norepinephrine and serotonin.¹

Dosage Forms: Tablets: 12.5mg, 25mg, 50mg, and 100mg

Recommended Dosage: Recommended dose is 100 mg/day, in two divided doses. May be increased to 200 mg/day based on individual patient response.¹

Common Adverse Drug Reactions: Nausea, headache, constipation, dizziness, insomnia, hot flush, hyperhidrosis, vomiting, palpitations, heart rate increased, dry mouth, and hypertension.¹

Contraindications: Use of monoamine oxidase inhibitors concomitantly or in close temporal proximity. Use in patients with uncontrolled narrow-angle glaucoma.¹

Manufacturer: Forest Laboratories, Inc.

Analysis: Savella™ is the second oral selective serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI) indicated for the treatment of fibromyalgia. The primary endpoint in both trials used to gain FDA approval, was an improvement in pain, patient global assessment, and physical function when compared to placebo. Savella™ appears to be more effective than placebo in improving symptoms associated with fibromyalgia. No clinical trials or comparisons with other drugs are available. Preferred alternatives appear on the Preferred Drug List, which have similar clinical efficacy and are more cost effective. Therefore, it is recommended that Savella™ be added to the Preferred Drug List as a non-preferred drug with conditions and recommend the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Commission develop criteria.

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. Savella™ [package insert]. Forest Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; 2009.