

# West Midlands Regional Medicines Information Service

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## *Antihistamines and drugs used in nasal allergy*

*Antihistamines: Sedating and Non sedating*

*B.N.F. Section 3.4.1*

Brand Name	Generic Name	Defined Daily Dose	Cost (£) 28 days
Piriton	chlorpheniramine 4mg tablet	12mg	0.78
Phenergan	promethazine hydrochloride 25mg tablet	25mg	1.17
chlorpheniramine	chlorpheniramine 4mg tablet	12mg	1.32
Semprex	acrivastine 8mg capsule	24mg	4.81
Mizollen	mizolastine 10mg m/r tablet	10mg	5.79
Telfast 120	fexofenadine 120mg tablet	120mg	6.91
Xyzal	levocetirizine 5mg tablet	5mg	6.95
Neoclarityn	desloratadine 5mg	5mg	7.07
Mistamine	mizolastine 10mg m/r tablet	10mg	7.98
cetirizine+	cetirizine 10mg tablet	10mg	8.14
Zirtek	cetirizine 10mg tablet	10mg	8.15

*m/r = modified release*

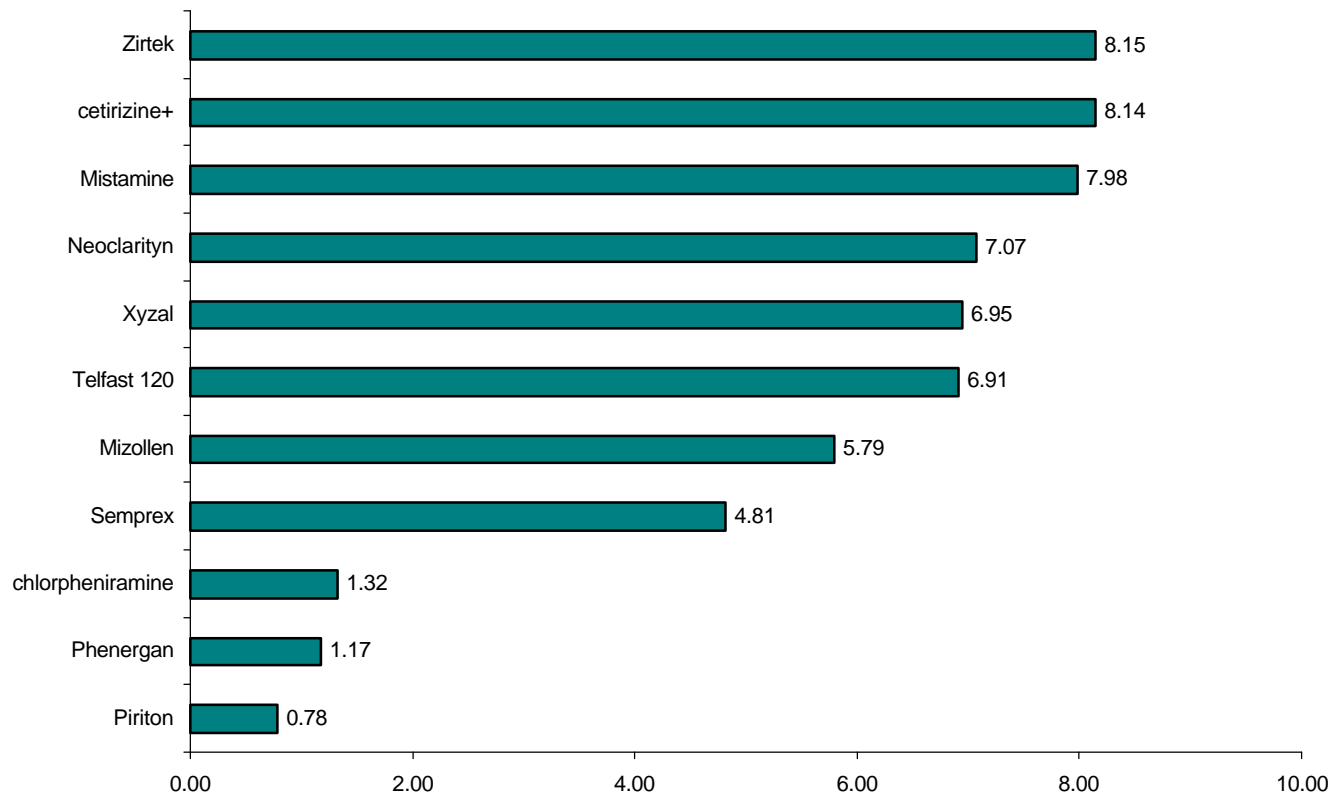
*Sedating drugs are shaded*

*+ Not yet listed in Drug Tariff or BNF*

*This chart only includes those preparations which are commonly prescribed in the West Midlands for Nasal Allergy*

*Prices are as in Drug Tariff where appropriate or have been calculated on the basis of the most cost effective pack size.*

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### *Nasal Corticosteroids*

#### *B.N.F. Section 12.2.1*

Brand Name	Generic Name	Defined Daily Dose	Cost (£) 28 days
beclometasone aqueous nasal spray	beclometasone 50mcg/spray	8 sprays	3.85
Nasobec aqueous nasal spray	beclometasone 50mcg/spray	8 sprays	4.04
Beconase aqueous nasal spray	beclometasone 50mcg/spray	8 sprays	4.49
Syntaris aqueous nasal spray	flunisolide 25mcg/spray	8 sprays*	4.90
Rhinocort Aqua nasal spray	budesonide 100mcg/spray	4 sprays*	6.55
Flixonase aqueous nasal spray	fluticasone 50mcg/spray	4 sprays	8.53
Nasonex aqueous nasal spray	mometasone 50mcg/spray	4 sprays	8.74
Nasacort aqueous nasal spray	triamcinolone 55mcg/spray	4 sprays	8.96

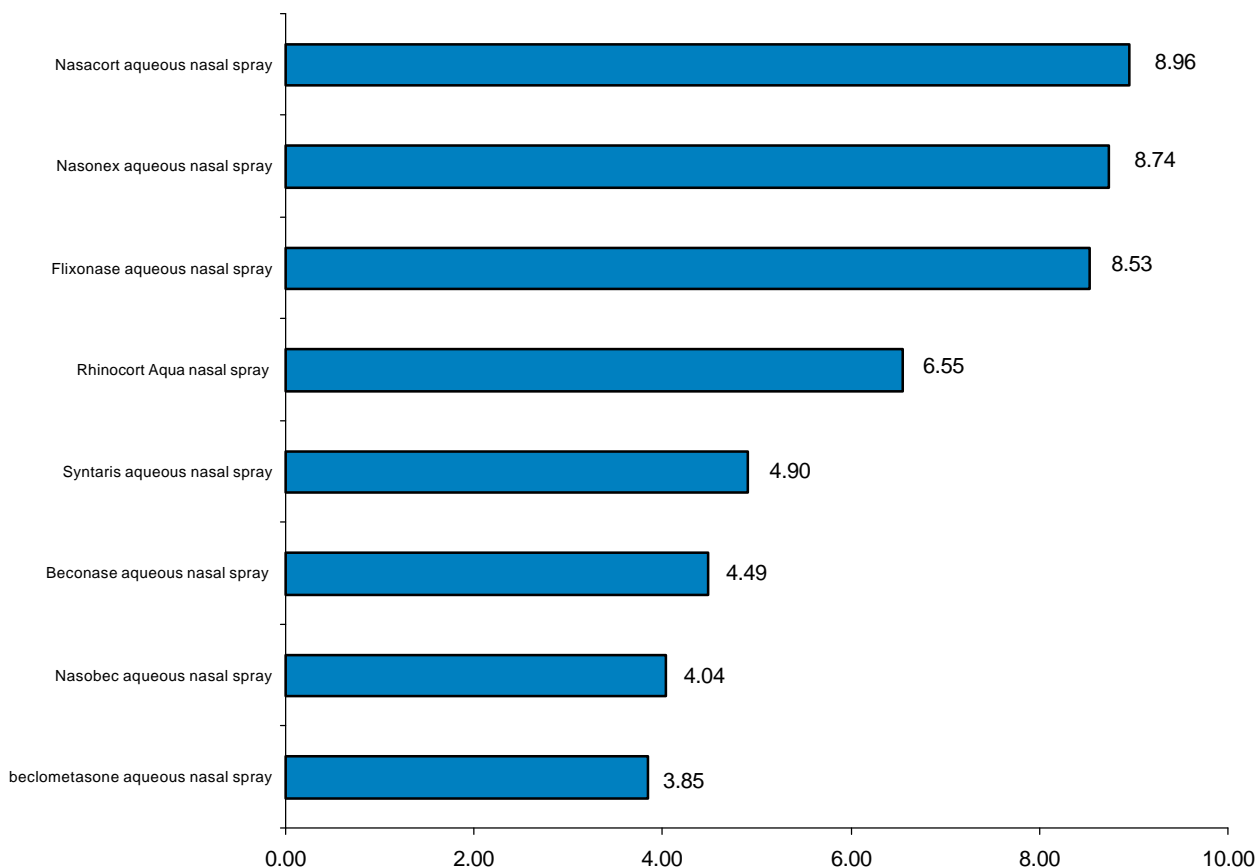
*\* Manufacturer's recommended doses*

*NB The daily dose is divided between 2 nostrils*

Note: Dexa-Rhinaspray Duo is not included because maximum treatment course is 14 days

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*Nasal anti-inflammatories, antihistamine and antimuscarinic*

*B.N.F. Section 12.2.1; 12.2.2*

Brand Name	Generic Name	Defined Daily Dose	Cost (£) 28 days
Rinatec nasal spray	ipratropium bromide 21mcg/spray	12 sprays*	8.49
Rhinolast aqueous nasal spray	azelastine 140mcg/spray	4 sprays	9.82
Rynacrom 4% aqueous nasal spray	sodium cromoglicate 5.2mg/spray❖	8 sprays*	25.32
Vividrin 2% nasal spray	sodium cromoglicate 2.6mg/spray†	12 sprays*	26.08
Livostin 0.05% aqueous nasal spray	levocabastine 41.5mcg/spray‡	12 sprays*	27.27

*\* Manufacturer's recommended doses*

*NB The daily dose is divided between 2 nostrils*

*❖ Cost calculated using average spray size of 0.13 ml*

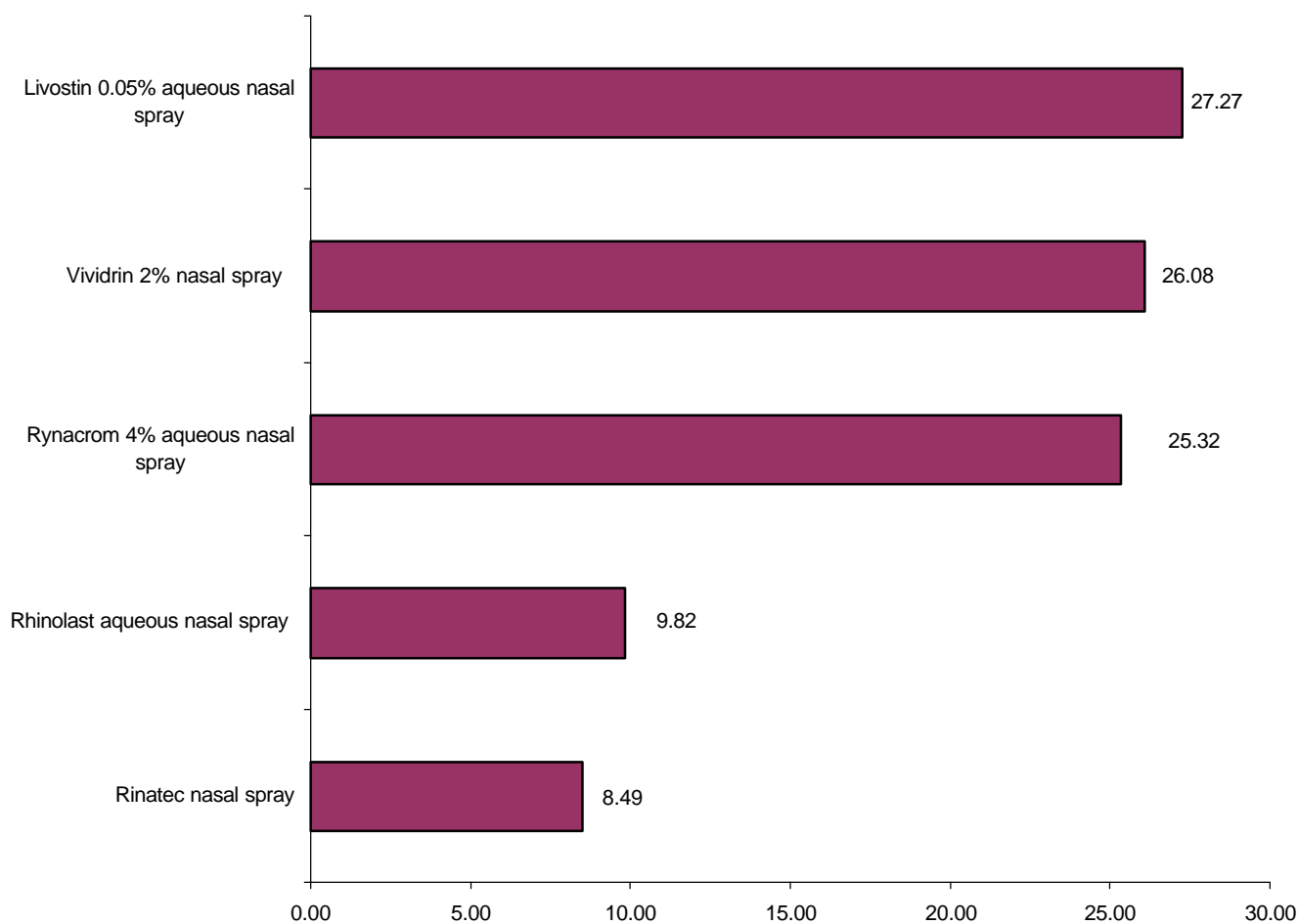
*†Cost calculated using average 105 doses per 15ml container*

*‡ Cost calculated using spray size 0.083ml and 120 doses per 10ml container*

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