



# Medication Audit Checklist

## Venlafaxine (Effexor®, Effexor® XR)

PEFC Approved: August 2019

Reviewer:	Date:
Drug:	Dose:

Does this audit require a physician review?

Yes

No

### Audit Information:

Audit #:
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### Patient Information

Patient #:	Admit Date:
Prescriber:	Attending:

### Indications:

Does the indication require a physician review?

Yes

No

Note which indication(s) are present:

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	
Binge-Eating Disorder	
Bipolar Disorder – Depressed Phase	
Depressive Disorders	

**Indications: (continued)**

Dysthymia	
Generalized Anxiety Disorder	
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	
Panic Disorder	
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	
Social Anxiety Disorder	

**Contraindications - Absolute:**

<b>Does this require a physician review?</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Concomitant use of a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (intended to treat psychiatric disorders) or within 7 days of venlafaxine discontinuation			
History of anaphylactic reaction or similarly severe significant hypersensitivity to the medication prescribed or desvenlafaxine			
Initiating venlafaxine therapy while on linezolid or intravenous methylene blue			
Use of venlafaxine within 14 days of discontinuing an MAOI (intended to treat psychiatric disorders)			

**Contraindications - Relative:**

<b>Does this require a physician review?</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Hypertension or history of hypertension			
Pregnancy/nursing mothers			

**Patient Monitoring - Parameters:**

<b>Does this require a physician review?</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Blood pressure during dosage titration and as clinically indicated			
Height and weight – baseline, monthly and as clinically indicated (children, adolescents)			
Hepatic function – baseline and as clinically indicated			
<p>Lipid screening [total cholesterol, low- and high-density lipoprotein (LDL and HDL) cholesterol, and triglycerides] – Yearly if lipid levels are in the normal range, every 6 months if the LDL level is &gt; 130 mg/dl.</p> <p>If no lipid screening has been done within the last year, then a lipid profile should be obtained within 30 days of initiation of the drug.</p>			
Monitor for emergence of suicidal ideation or behavior			
Pregnancy test— baseline and as clinically indicated			

**Patient Monitoring - Parameters: (continued)**

<b>Does this require a physician review?</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Sodium level in high-risk patients (e.g., older than 65 years, previous history of antidepressant-induced hyponatremia, low body weight, concomitant use of thiazides or other hyponatremia-inducing agents, experiencing symptoms of hyponatremia), baseline, 4 weeks and as clinically indicated			

**Patient Monitoring - Dosing:**

<b>Does this require a physician review?</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
See HHSC Psychiatric Drug Formulary for dosage guidelines.			
Exceptions to maximum dosage must be justified as per medication rule.			