

Table 5**Acute treatments for migraine in special circumstances**

Clinical situation	Treatment options	Comments
Early nausea or vomiting	Rizatriptan MLT wafer 10 mg Sumatriptan nasal spray 20 mg Zolmitriptan nasal spray 5 mg Subcutaneous sumatriptan 6 mg	
Rapidly developing symptoms	Subcutaneous sumatriptan 6 mg	
Headache recurrence	Frovatriptan 2.5 mg Naratriptan 2.5 mg Almotriptan 12.5 mg Eletriptan 40 mg Ergotamine 1-2 mg	Ergotamine should not be used within 12 hours of a triptan
Poor tolerance of side effects	Naratriptan 2.5 mg Frovatriptan 2.5 mg Eletriptan 20 mg	Efficacy may be slightly less with these drugs
Menstrually related migraine	Triptans	Mini-prophylaxis with frovatriptan 2.5 mg bd, zolmitriptan 2.5 mg tds or naproxen 500 mg bd can be considered for 5-7 days starting two days before the period
Pregnancy	Paracetamol NSAIDs such as ibuprofen may be considered but can still cause problems especially in the third trimester with risk of bleeding or premature closure of the ductus arteriosus. Sumatriptan has the most available data for use in pregnancy. No significant associations with major fetal abnormalities have been established from the available pregnancy registers, though the data available is limited	The majority of women will experience improvement in their migraines as their pregnancy progresses