

### Latuda—In Brief

Generic name	Lurasidone
Manufacturer	Sunovion Pharmaceuticals
Initial approval date	October 28, 2010
FDA indications	Schizophrenia, bipolar depression
Dosages available	20, 40, 60, 80, 120 mg unscored tablets
Dosing	Bipolar depression: Start 20 mg once a day with food; maximum dose 120 mg once a day Schizophrenia: Start 40 mg once a day with food; maximum dose 160 mg once a day
Average cost	\$796.78 (for one month (30 days) supply at 80 mg/day; retrieved in February 2015 from the Good Rx website; indicates price available at Walmart)
Likely marketing points	High affinity for 5-HT <sub>7</sub> receptor (which has been linked to depression, learning, memory, cognition, anxiety, pain) is a unique feature; however, the clinical benefits have yet to be adequately studied or proven
Advantages	No titration, once daily dosing, relatively low to moderate metabolic risk profile, relatively low QTc prolongation risk
Disadvantages	Need to administer with $\geq$ 350 calories of food to increase bioavailability threefold; potential for drug interactions, sedation, akathisia, extrapyramidal symptoms (EPS)