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**Patentkrav**

1. Tapentadol til anvendelse ved forebygging mot kronifisering av smerter.
2. Tapentadol til anvendelse ifølge krav 1, hvori smertene er sentrale eller perifere.
3. Tapentadol til anvendelse ifølge hvilket som helst foregående krav, hvori smertene velges fra gruppen bestående av postoperative smerter, inflammatoriske smerter, smerter i forbindelse med migrrene, smerter i forbindelse med hodepine, smerter i forbindelse med irritabel tarmsyndrom, smerter i forbindelse med fibromyalgi artrittsmerter, skjelettsmerter, leddsmarter, gastrointestinale smerter, muskelsmerter, anginasmerter, ansiktssmerter, bekkensmerter, klaudikasjon, postoperative smerter, posttraumatiske smerter, spenningstype hodepine, obstetrikksmarter, gynekologiske smerter og kjemoterapiinduserte smerter.
4. Tapentadol til anvendelse ifølge hvilket som helst foregående krav, hvori smertene er moderate eller alvorlige.
5. Tapentadol til anvendelse ifølge hvilket som helst foregående krav, hvori tapentadol administreres oralt.
6. Tapentadol til anvendelse ifølge hvilket som helst foregående krav, hvori tapentadol administreres én eller to ganger daglig.
7. Tapentadol til anvendelse ifølge hvilket som helst foregående krav, hvori tapentadol administreres med en daglig dose innenfor området fra 25 til 600 mg.