
IMPORTANT

You may notice your medicine is a different **colour Shape** or size.

The new medicine is just as safe and will work in the same way as your old medication.

Your medicine has been prescribed by its chemical (Generic) name instead of the branded name.

What are Generic medicines?

A medicine has two names:

1. Generic name – This is the chemical name
2. Brand Name – this is the name given by the manufacturer.

Here are a few examples:

	Generic name	Brand Name
Example 1	Paracetamol	Calpol
Example 2	Clopidogrel	Plavix
Example 3	Cetirizine	Zirtek



Why are you getting a Generic medicine?

- In many cases, several people can be given medicine for the same price as one person getting the branded medicine. The money saved helps to pay for new treatments for people who need them.
- Using only the generic name can reduce confusion, as your doctor or pharmacist will be familiar with the family of drugs which a medicine comes from.

This practice prescribes by generic name where possible

Fill in the table below to help you remember the name of your medicine.

(Your pharmacist can help you with this)

New Generic Name	Brand Name

If you have any further questions, Please contact your pharmacist or doctors surgery

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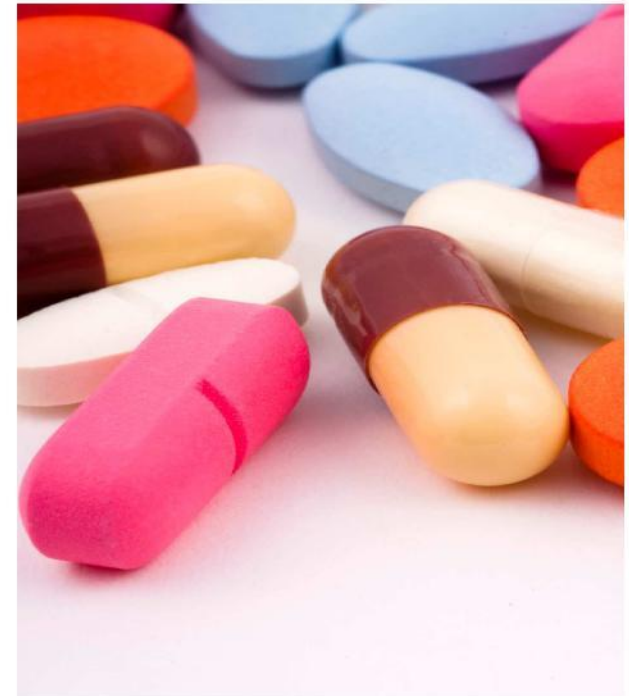
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Why your medicine may look different