**Medicines Have Not Changed – just the names of some active ingredients**

Some active ingredient names used in Australia differ from those used internationally. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has updated over 200 active ingredient names used in Australia as part of their International Harmonisation of Ingredient Names (IHIN) reform. A full list is available on the TGA website at the following address:

www.tga.gov.au/updating-medicine-ingredient-names-list-affected-ingredients

The active ingredient name changes you will see most commonly in your pharmacy are listed at the bottom of this document. Note that some active ingredient name changes will see both the old and new names used on labels (that is, they will be dual labelled) until 2023.

## When will I see these changes?

While your dispensing software is expected to feature the new active ingredient names from July 2017, manufacturers have until 2020 to reflect the updated active ingredient name on medicine packaging, and in supporting documents like Consumer Medicine Information (CMI). This means that, for a period of time, your dispensing labels may feature the updated active ingredient name while the medicine package and/or CMI may retain the previous active ingredient name.

## What do I need to do?

In order to minimise unintended consequences of the labelling reforms to patients (e.g. patient confusion resulting in double dosing, missed doses etc.) when dispensing medicines that are affected by these changes, you should discuss the change with your patients, reassuring them that only the name of the active ingredient has changed. The medicine, brand name (if applicable) and the medicine’s effect have not changed.

## Are there any changes to PBS claiming arrangements?

No, these name changes will not result in any change to PBS claiming arrangements.

## What do I do if I receive a prescription written using the old active ingredient name?

The prescription should be dispensed using the new active ingredient name.

## Timetable of changes

From 2017

Names affected by the TGA changes will change in prescribing and dispensing software. Some medicines will be dual labelled, with the old name appearing in brackets after the new name until 2023. Adrenaline products will be permanently dual labelled as Adrenaline (Epinephrine).

### From 2020

Medicine labelling, packaging and product information must reflect the new ingredient names.

### From 2023

Temporary dual labelling will cease for about twenty medicines, with only the new ingredient names being shown on the label.

List of significant ingredient name changes appearing within the PBS

## Group A - DUAL LABELLING UNTIL 2023

current name: amphotericin

new name: amphotericin B (amphotericin)

current name: benzhexol hydrochloride

new name: trihexyphenidyl (benzhexol) hydrochloride

current name: dothiepin hydrochloride

new name: dosulepin (dothiepin) hydrochloride

current name: doxycycline hydrochloride

new name: doxycycline hyclate (hydrochloride)

current name: eformoterol

new name: formoterol (eformoterol)

current name: frusemide

new name: furosemide (frusemide)

current name: glycopyrrolate

new name: glycopyrronium bromide (glycopyrrolate)

current name: hydroxyurea

new name: hydroxycarbamide (hydroxyurea)

current name: lignocaine

new name: lidocaine (lignocaine)

current name: phenobarbitone

new name: phenobarbital (phenobarbitone)

current name: procaine penicillin

new name: procaine benzylpenicillin (procaine penicillin)

current name: salcatonin

new name: calcitonin salmon (salcatonin)

current name: tetracosactrin

new name: tetracosactide (tetracosactrin)

## Group B: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES (NO DUAL LABELLING)

current name: hexamine hippurate

new name: methenamine hippurate

current name: hydroxyquinoline sulfate

new name: oxyquinoline sulfate

current name: insulin – human

new name: insulin

current name: thyroxine sodium

new name: levothyroxine sodium

## Group C: MINOR SPELLING CHANGES

current name: amoxycillin

new name: amoxicillin

current name: beclomethasone dipropionate

new name: beclometasone dipropionate

current name: cephalexin

new name: cefalexin monohydrate

current name: cephalothin sodium

new name: cefalotin sodium

current name: cephazolin

new name: cefazolin

current name: chlorthalidone

new name: chlortalidone

current name: cholestyramine

new name: colestyramine

current name: clomiphene citrate

new name: clomifene citrate

current name: cyclosporin

new name: ciclosporin

current name: dexamphetamine sulfate

new name: dexamfetamine sulfate

current name: ethacrynic acid

new name: etacrynic acid

current name: ethinyloestradiol

new name: ethinylestradiol

current name: flupenthixol decanoate

new name: flupentixol decanoate

current name: indomethacin

new name: indometacin

current name: oestradiol

new name: estradiol

current name: oestriol

new name: estriol

current name: pericyazine

new name: periciazine

current name: thioguanine

new name: tioguanine

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