

**Prescribing Switches 2017-18**

West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group continually review prescribing to ensure patients receive the most cost effective, evidence based treatments available making best use of valuable NHS resources. Below is a list of switch work being undertaken in 2017-18. This information should help put Community Pharmacists in a position to manage their stock, counsel patients and answer queries. Thank you for your continued support.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Blood Glucose Test Strips</b>	Switch to a formulary BGTS: <a href="https://267lv2ve190med3l1mgc3ys8-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/BGTSformulary.pdf">https://267lv2ve190med3l1mgc3ys8-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/BGTSformulary.pdf</a>
<b>Buprenorphine 96 hour release patches</b>	Switch generic & branded buprenorphine <b>96 hour</b> release patches to equivalent strength <b>Bupeaze 96 hour release patches</b>
<b>Calcium and vitamin D</b>	Switch generic & branded calcium and vitamin D preparations to <b>TheiCal D-3 Tab Chewable 1000mg/880u, or Adcal-D3 Caplets 750mg/200u</b>
<b>Co-codamol 30/500 tablets and capsules</b>	Switch generic and branded Co-codamol 30/500 tablets and capsules to <b>Zapain Tablets 30mg/500mg</b>
<b>Losartan tablets 12.5mg</b>	Switch generic losartan tablets 12.5mg to branded <b>Cozaar Tablets 12.5mg</b>
<b>Macrogol Oral Pdr Sach (excuding Laxido)</b>	Switch generic & branded macrogol Oral Pdr Sach (excludes Laxido) to equivalent strength <b>CosmoCol Oral Pdr Sach</b>
<b>Topical NSAIDs</b>	Switch branded and generic ibuprofen 5%, diclofenac and piroxicam topical preparations to <b>Fenbid Gel 5% 100g</b>
<b>Oxycodone immediate release capsules</b>	Switch branded and generic oxycodone <i>immediate release capsules</i> to equivalent strength <b>Shortec Capsules</b>
<b>L-Dopa/C-Dopa/Entacapone (Stalevo) tablets</b>	Switch generic and branded L-Dopa/C-Dopa/Entacapone tablets to equivalent strength <b>Stanek Tablets</b> .
<b>Tiotropium_Pdr For Inh Cap 18mcg (Spiriva) (+device)</b>	Switch generic & branded Tiotropium Pdr For Inh Cap 18mcg (Spiriva) (+device) to <b>Braltus Powder For Inh Cap 10mcg+Zonda Inh</b>
<b>Tramadol MR tablets and capsules</b>	Switch generic & branded Tramadol MR tablets and capsules to <b>Marol MR Tablets</b>
<b>Venlafaxine MR Tablets and branded MR capsules 150mg and 75mg</b>	Switch venlafaxine MR tablets and <i>branded</i> MR capsules 150mg and 75mg to generic <b>venlafaxine MR capsules 150mg and 75mg</b>
<b>Venlafaxine MR 225mg tablets and capsules</b>	Switch generic and branded venlafaxine MR 225mg tablets and capsules to generic <b>venlafaxine MR capsules 150mg plus 75mg or Vensir XL_Cap 225mg</b>