Information for Patients & Parents

Change from Concerta XL® Tablets to Matoride XL® Tablets

A decision has been by Sussex Partnership Trust to start using the Matoride XL® brand of methylphenidate tablets. GPs are being asked to switch patients to this new brand of methylphenidate tablets on their behalf.

What is changing?

Currently you have been on the Concerta XL® brand of tablets. Both Matoride XL® and Concerta XL® tablets have the same medicine in them called methylphenidate, which is prescribed for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Because it is made by a different company it has a different brand name.

The methylphenidate is released from both tablets slowly during the day, to ensure the medicine is effective for approximately 12 hours. The beneficial effects of the Matoride XL® tablet will therefore be the same as when taking the Concerta XL® tablet.

Why is this change happening?

This change is happening because Matoride XL® tablets are less expensive than the Concerta XL® tablets. By using Matoride XL® tablets money will be freed up to invest in other NHS services, but the treatment of ADHD will be just as good.

What do I have to do?

You do not need to do anything new. The prescription for the new Matoride XL® will continue to come from your surgery or clinic as before. You will be able to get the prescription dispensed at your normal pharmacy (chemist). The medication is taken at exactly the same time of day as before.

What are the benefits for me?

There are no direct benefits. However, as mentioned above, the money freed up can be used for other NHS services. This will be for the benefit of everyone who uses the NHS.

What if I am unhappy with the change?

Please contact your ADHD specialist doctor to discuss your concerns. He or she will be happy to discuss them with you.

If you require this document in an alternative format, i.e. easy read, large text, audio, Braille or a community language please contact the pharmacy team on 01243 623349 (Text Relay calls welcome).

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