Change of Methylphenidate Medication – Information for Patients & Parents  
(Xaggitin XL v1)

What is changing?

The medication called Concerta XL®, which is prescribed for you / your child, is being changed to another brand of the same medication.

This new brand is called Xaggitin XL®. It contains methylphenidate, exactly the same medication that was previously being prescribed. Because it is made by a different company it has a different name, Xaggitin XL®

Xaggitin XL® is taken and released into the body in the same way as Concerta XL®. Hence Xaggitin XL® 36mg is the same as taking Concerta XL® 36mg. The beneficial effects of the Xaggitin XL® will therefore be the same as when taking the Concerta XL®.

Why is this change happening?

This change is happening because Xaggitin XL® is less expensive than the Concerta XL® brand. For example, taking 36mg of Concerta XL® a day costs the NHS £516.48 per year, whilst 36mg of Matoride XL® costs £258.18, saving the NHS £258.30 a year. This money saved can be used to improve other parts of the service we provide.

What do I have to do?

You do not need to do anything new. The prescription for the new Xaggitin XL® medication will continue to come from your doctor, which can be taken to your normal pharmacy (chemist). The medication is taken at exactly the same time of day as before.

What are the benefits for me?

As mentioned above, the money saved can be used elsewhere in the CAMHS service. This will be for the benefit of not just you/your child, but for all patients who use CAMHS.

What if I am unhappy with the change?

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

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