Important changes to your Nevirapine (Viramune®) 200mg tablets

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Nevirapine 200mg tablets

Why are clinics switching to generic medicines?

Generic medicines are just as carefully regulated and as effective as the originals, but are often significantly cheaper to the NHS. This means your clinic can continue to offer you the same high quality treatment and make cost savings, helping us look after our growing number of patients.

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How should I take the new nevirapine tablet?

Most people will continue to take the nevirapine in the same way as before (2 tablets per day), but always follow your doctor’s or pharmacist’s instructions. Your doctor or pharmacist will speak to you if there is any difference in the way you need to take your tablets. Always read the label on the box you receive before taking your medicines, even if you think to have had the medicines before.

Use up your current supply of Viramune tablets first and then switch to the new nevirapine tablet at your next scheduled dose. Do not take the Viramune and nevirapine tablets at the same time.

Will the new tablet work in the same way as Viramune?

Yes. Both tablets have the same active drugs at the same doses. Continue to take the tablet as prescribed by your doctor and the new tablet should work as well as Viramune has.

Will there be any side effects when I switch?

You shouldn’t expect any new side effects when you start taking the new tablet, as it contains the same active drug. Occasionally some people may experience some minor side effects when they take a different version of a tablet, but these should settle down. Speak to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you experience any new side effects.

If you have any questions about nevirapine or Viramune, or any of your medicines, please contact your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

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