

Look alike medicines

Omeprazole 40 mg and Flecainide 100 mg

Medicines impacted

Omeprazole capsules 40 mg (Omeprazole Teva)

Flecainide capsules long-acting 100 mg (Flecainide Controlled Release Teva)

Background

Recently the manufacturer changed the capsule colour for omeprazole capsules 40 mg (Teva) to a grey body and a white cap. These are the same colours as used for flecainide capsules long-acting 100 mg (Teva).

There is a risk of misidentification when either medicine is removed from the manufacturer's original packing and dispensed using compliance / blister packaging.

When these medicines are dispensed in their manufacturer's original packaging the risk of misidentification is much reduced.

Suggested action

To help with correct medicine identification when omeprazole capsules 40 mg are prescribed and dispensed without the manufacturer's original packaging **dispense as two (2) x omeprazole capsules 20 mg**.¹

Dispensing two omeprazole capsules 20 mg is funded.

For further information please contact practice@psnz.org.nz



¹ Omeprazole 20 mg colours: Omeprazole (Teva), blue cap/white body; Omeprazole Actavis, opaque white capsule.