# **Dipyridamole (Pytazen SR)**



### Your medicine is being discontinued

## What's happening?

The supplier can no longer supply this product because of difficulty getting the active ingredient. We have not been able to find a replacement.

We're sorry. We know that changing medicines isn't ideal. We have tried to avoid this but were not able to.



Strides is a capsule, unlike Pytazen SR (which is a tablet).

The capsules are orange and red.

### New treatment needed

You will need to talk to the person who prescribes your dipyridamole to discuss a different treatment.

### Temporary brand of dipyridamole

To give you time to find a new treatment, we have funded "Strides" brand dipyridamole.

Strides Dipyridamole has the same active ingredient but is a different strength from Pytazen SR

### New prescription needed

Because Strides has a different strength, you will need a new prescription from your prescriber.

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- Go to www.zero.govt.nz
- Select Pharmac
- Browse the site without using any mobile data.



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### More information

You can find more information about this discontinuation on our website. Use the web address or scan the QR code with your phone.

www.pharmac.govt.nz/pytazen



## **Unapproved medicine**

The Strides brand of dipyridamole has not been approved by Medsafe.

It has been approved for use in other countries, including the United Kingdom.

#### Informed consent

Your prescriber and pharmacist have extra steps they have to follow because this medicine isn't approved, including talking to you about what this means and getting your informed consent.

You can find more information about unapproved medicines at:

<u>www.healthify.nz/unapproved-</u> medicines

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