

Oxycodone immediate release (OxyNorm) capsules are changing



The Oxycodone Amneal brand is a tablet rather than a capsule.

The funded brand of oxycodone immediate release is changing from OxyNorm capsules to Oxycodone Amneal tablets.

If you take other forms of oxycodone (such as oxycodone controlled-release tablets) you might now be taking a tablet for both immediate and controlled release oxycodone.

Please speak with your pharmacist or health care professional if you have any questions or concerns about this.







Oxycodone Amneal works the same way as OxyNorm capsules

The Oxycodone Amneal tablets have the same active ingredient as OxyNorm capsules. They have been assessed by Medsafe to make sure they are safe and effective. They work in the body the same way as the OxyNorm brand.

The changes you will notice include:

- a tablet rather than a capsule
- different coloured tablets
- different packaging

Amneal Oxycodone tablets

Presentation	Front side	Back side
5 mg		
10 mg		
20 mg		

Not shown to scale

Why is this happening?

The supplier of OxyNorm capsules is leaving the New Zealand market. Pharmac has sourced Oxycodone Amneal tablets so people can continue to access an immediate-release form of oxycodone.

This change will happen over the next few months

Your pharmacist will dispense the Oxycodone Amneal tablets starting from 1 July 2024. Different pharmacies will run out of OxyNorm and move to Oxycodone Amneal at different times.

Does the brand have to change?

Because the supplier of OxyNorm capsules, Mundipharma, is leaving the New Zealand market, once stock runs out OxyNorm will no longer be available.

Oxycodone immediate release liquid remains funded.

Find out more

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, speak with your trusted healthcare professional.

You can learn more about oxycodone, what it is used for, how to take it safely and possible side effects, at www.healthify.nz/oxycodone

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