PQS cost saving initiatives 25/26

Branded prescribing review:

NHS Dorset is asking PCN teams to review the branded prescribing of medicines, where these offer no clinical advantage over generic preparations. For some medicines generic prescribing is less expensive than branded prescribing, meaning the potential savings enable the NHS budget to be used to greater benefit the Dorset population. A table of suggested branded to generic switches can be found below.

As with all product switches, not all patients will be appropriate for switch, where patients are not eligible for product switch, this should be recorded in the patient record e.g. patients requiring specific products due to visual impairment, licensing, contraindication, intolerance / allergy to excipients, dietary preference, religious grounds, swallowing issues etc.

SystmOne searches have been developed for each product, to help PCN teams identify patients suitable for generic product switch:

**Dorset SystmOne GPs> PQS Finance 25 26> F11 Generic adoption>**

Template patient letters and text messages have been developed to communicate the changes to patients, which can be found within SystmOne:

**Template text messages can be found within SystmOne>Msg presets> Medication Management>Formulation>generic medicines**

**Template Letters can be found within SystmOne>Word letter templates>Dorset CCG> Medicines Management>Brand to generic patient template**

Branded prescribing review options PQS 25/26:

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| **Branded medicine to switch** | **Strength** | **Formulation** | **Suggested generic medicine prescription** |
| Utrogestan | 100mg | Oral capsules | Progesterone 100mg micronised capsules |
| Brilique | 60mg & 90mg | tablets | when generic product become available Ticagrelor (est. June 25) |
| Aerochamber | Adult and paediatric | spacer devices +/- mask | Prescribe age appropriate EasyChamber Spacer (antistatic) when device next requested |
| Elocon | 0.1% | ointment | Mometasone 0.1% ointment |
| Elocon | 0.1% | cream | Mometasone 0.1% cream |
| Plavix 75mg | 75mg | tablets | Clopidogrel 75mg tablets |
| Arimidex | 1mg | tablets | Anastrozole 1mg tablets |
| Mini-wright / clement clark | Standard range | Peak flow meter | Prescribe as Easy peak flow meter standard range when next requested |
| Viagra | 50mg &100mg | tablets | Sildenafil 50mg &100mg tablets |
| Vesicare | 5mg &10mg | tablets | Solifenacin 5mg & 10mgtablets |
| Femara | 2.5mg | tablets | Prescribe generic Letrozole 2.5mg tablets |
| Vagirux | 10mcg | pessary | Prescribe as generic estradiol 10mcg pessaries. Where possible prescribe 24 pessaries at a time to aid dispensing. |
| Effexor | All strengths | MR capsules | Venlafaxine MR capsules |
| Zomig | All strengths | Tablets / orodispersible tablets | Prescribe generic zolmitriptan orodispersible tablets |
| Serc | All strengths | tablets | Prescribe generic betahistine |
| Maxalt / Maxalt melt | All strengths | Tablets / dispersible tablets | Prescribe generic rizatriptan |
| Cosopt | 20mg/ml/5mg/ml | With preservative eye drops 5ml | Prescribe generic Dorzolamide and Timolol eye drops |
| Cosopt | 20mg/ml/5mg/ml | preservative free multidose eye drops (5ml bottle) | Prescribe generic Dorzolamide and Timolol eye drops preservative free multidose eye drops (5ml bottle) |
| Zyprexa | All strengths | Tablets / orodisp tablets | Prescribe generic Olanzapine |
| Cerazette | 75 mcg | Tablets | Prescribe as generic Desogestrel |

Branded prescribing review options available to utilise from PQS 24/25:

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| **Branded medicine to switch** | **Strength** | **Formulation** | **Suggested generic medicine prescription** |
| Dovobet | 0.005%/0.05% | gel | Calcipotriol with betamethasone 0.005%/0.05% gel |
| Circadin MR | 2mg | tablets | Melatonin MR 2mg tablets |
| Xalatan | 50mcg/ml | eye drops | Latanoprost 50mcg/ml |
| Xalacom | 50mcg/ml and 5mg/ml | eye drops | Latanoprost 50mcg/ml and Timolol 5mg/ml |
| Vagifem | 10mcg | pessary | Prescribe as generic estradiol 10mcg pessaries. Where possible prescribe 24 pessaries at a time to aid dispensing. |
| Losec | All strengths | gastroresistant capsules | Omeprazole gastroresistant capsules |
| Mezzopram | All strengths | Dispersible gastroresistant tablets | Omeprazole gastroresistant tablets |
| Nexium | All strengths | Gastroresistant tablets | Esomeprazole gastroresistant tablets |
| Pariet | All strengths | gastroresistant tablets | Non-formulary, prescribe [formulary alternative](https://www.dorsetformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=1&SubSectionRef=01.03.05&SubSectionID=A100&drugmatch=40#40) or where not possible Rabeprazole gastroresistant tablets |
| Azarga | 10mg/ml/5mg/ml | eye drops | Brinzolamide/ Timolol 10mg/ml/5mg/ml eye drops |
| Ganfort | 300mcg/ml/5mg/ml | eye drops | Bimatoprost/ Timolol 300mcg/ml/5mg/ml eye drops |
| Lipitor | All strengths | tablets | Atorvastatin tablets |
| Lyrica | All strengths | capsules | Pregabalin capsules when used for neuropathic pain |
| Neurontin | All strengths | capsules | Gabapentin capsules when used for neuropathic pain |
| Cialis | 10mg &20mg | tablets | Tadalafil 10mg &20mg tablets |
| Amias | All strengths | tablets | Candesartan tablets |
| Crestor | All strengths | tablets | Prescribe generic Rosuvastatin tablets |
| Lustral | 50mg &100mg | tablets | Sertraline 50mg &100mg tablets |
| Abilify | All strengths | tablets | Aripiprazole tablets |
| Seroxat | All strengths | tablets | Paroxetine tablets |
| Imigran | 50mg &100mg | tablets | Sumatriptan 50mg &100mg tablets |
| Naramig | 2.5mg | tablets | Non-formulary, prescribe formulary alternative where appropriate or prescribe Naratriptan 2.5mg tablets |
| Hyloforte | 0.2% | eye drops | Prescribe formulary alternative:   * ClinOptic ® 0.2% (preservative free) * Eyeaze® 0.2% (preservative free) * HydraMed® 0.2% (preservative & phosphate buffer free) * Hy-Opti ® 0.2% (preservative free) * VIZhyal ® 0.2% (preservative free) * Xailin Plus ® 0.2% (preservative & phosphate buffer free) |
| Lumigan | 100mcg/ml | eye drops | Bimatoprost eye drops |
| Travatan | 40mcg/ml | eye drops | Travoprost 40mcg/ml eye drops |
| Ghost branded generics | All strengths | All formulations | Prescribe non-branded generic |