



Changes to your Medicines

£22 MILLION A DAY IS SPENT BY THE NHS IN ENGLAND ON PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES.

There are several changes your GP may make to your medicines to improve prescribing

These include:

- ◆ Branded medicines may now be prescribed by their non-branded name.
- ◆ There are a number of similar medicines that work in the same way, your GP may switch you to a more cost effective one.
- ◆ The form in which you take your medicine may be changed e.g. capsules to tablets.
- ◆ Your medicine may be switched from TWO tablets of a low strength to ONE tablet of a higher strength; your total dose will remain the same.
- ◆ Items which are not supported by sufficient evidence e.g. dietary supplements or medicines that can be bought from the pharmacy may be taken off your prescription.

Changes to your medicines will NOT mean a reduction in quality.

