

# Changes you may have noticed on your prescription

What your prescription used to say:	What your prescription may now say:	Why has this change been made?
Movicol, Macrogol sachets	Laxido sachets.	Laxido contains the same active ingredient as movicol/macrogol and is the most cost effective way to prescribe this medication for constipation i.e. it costs the NHS less when prescribed as laxido rather than movicol/macrogol.
Omacor	No medication required to replace	Omacor has stopped being used across Greater Manchester as new evidence has emerged that shows it does not affect the rate of heart attacks when it is used with other current treatments.
Fentanyl patch, Durogesic Patch	Fencino patch	Fencino patches are currently the most cost effective way to prescribe fentanyl in Bolton. They contain exactly the same active ingredient and release it at the same rate as all other patches.
E45 Diprobase Unguentum M Epaderm & Hydromol ointment Aqueous cream Oilatum Junior Balneum	Zerocream Zerobase Zeroquent Zeroderm ointment Zeroaqs cream Zerolatum Zeroneum	The “zero” range currently offers the most cost effective way to prescribe emollient creams and ointments. The ingredients are nearly identical and work in exactly the same way as your previous cream/ ointment whilst saving the NHS money.
MST Tablets, Morphine Sulphate MR Tablets	Zomorph capsules	Zomorph is a slow release form of morphine that releases over the same period as MST and other 12h preparations. It is currently the most cost effective way of prescribing slow release morphine in Bolton and it is easier to administer to those who have swallowing problems.

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All changes are made based on the latest clinical evidence and are done to ensure that medications are prescribed in the most cost effective way. The changes have been agreed by GPs in Bolton prior to implementation. Avoiding unnecessary costs can ensure that new and essential treatments continue to be available for all patients in Bolton.

If you require further information please speak to your GP or contact the Bolton CCG Medicines Optimisation Team on 01204 462125.