

Medicines Optimisation Cost Saving Interventions 2023/24

Suggested switches to more cost-effective products which offer the greatest savings. This is not an exhaustive list.

Tablets, Capsules, Liquids and Oral Powders

 Abilify® tablets	 Aripiprazole tablets
 Asacol®/Mesalazine 400mg or 800mg MR tablets	 Octasa® 400mg or 800mg MR tablets
 Cerazette®/Cerelle® tablets	 Desogestrel tablets
 Cialis® tablets	 Tadalafil tablets
 Cipralex® tablets	 Escitalopram tablets
 Cipramil® tablets	 Citalopram tablets
 Circadin® 2mg modified release tablets	 Melatonin 2mg modified release tablets
 Crestor® tablets	 Rosuvastatin tablets
 Efexor XL®/Venaxx XL®/Vensir XL® 150mg/225mg capsules	 Venlafaxine 150mg/225mg modified release capsules
 Efexor XL®/Venaxx XL®/Vensir XL® 75mg caps/Sunveniz® 75mg tablets	 Venlafaxine 75mg modified-release tablets
 Eliquis® tablets	 Apixaban tablets
 Glucophage® tablets	 Metformin tablets
 Glucophage SR®/Sukkarto SR® tablets	 Metformin modified release tablets
 Imigran® tablets	 Sumatriptan tablets
 Imodium® Classic/Original/IBS relief capsules	 Loperamide capsules
 Keppra® tablets and oral solution	 Levetiracetam tablets and oral solution
 Januvia® tablets	 Sitagliptin tablets
 Lipitor® tablets	 Atorvastatin tablets
 Lyrica® capsules	 Pregabalin capsules
 Movicol®/TransiSoft®/macrogol 3350 8.5g sachets sugar free oral powder	 Macrogol compound NPF sugar free, Laxido® or CosmoCol® oral powder
 Movicol®-Half oral powder	 CosmoCol Half® oral powder
 Movicol® Paediatric oral powder	 Laxido Paediatric® or CosmoCol Paediatric® oral powder
 Oramorph® oral solution	 Morphine sulfate oral solution
 Seroxat® tablets	 Paroxetine tablets

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	Sinemet [®] tablets		Co-careldopa tablets
	Toviaz [®] prolonged release tablets		Fesoterodine modified release tablets
	Ursofalk [®] capsules		Ursodeoxycholic acid capsules
	Viagra [®] tablets		Sildenafil tablets
Eye drops			
	Azarga [®] eye drops		Brinzolamide/timolol eye drops
	Cosopt [®] eye drops		Dorzolamide/timolol eye drops
	DuoTrav [®] eye drops		Travoprost/timolol eye drops
	Ganfort [®] eye drops		Bimatoprost/timolol eye drops
	Lumigan [®] eye drops		Bimatoprost eye drops
	Travatan [®] eye drops		Travoprost eye drops
	Xalacom [®] eye drops		Latanoprost/timolol eye drops
	Xalatan [®] eye drops		Latanoprost eye drops
Creams, Gels and Ointments			
	Dovobet [®] gel/ointment		Calcipotriol 0.005% / betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% gel/ointment
	Duac Once Daily [®] gel		Benzoyl peroxide/clindamycin gel
	Protopic [®] ointment		Tacrolimus ointment
Transdermal Patches			
	Buprenorphine/BuTrans [®] 7-day patches		Bunov [®] or Butec [®] 7-day patches
	Fentanyl matrix/Durogesic DTrans [®] /Fencino [®] patches		Matrifen [®] or Mezolar Matrix [®] patches
Miscellaneous			
	Nasonex [®] nasal spray		Mometasone nasal spray
	Saline Steripoule [®] nebuliser liquid		Sodium chloride 0.9% nebuliser liquid
	Vagifem [®] vaginal tablets		Estradiol pessaries