

## Look alike medicines

### Omeprazole 40 mg and Flecainide 100 mg

#### Medicines impacted

Omeprazole capsules 40 mg (Omeprazole Teva)

Flecainide capsules long-acting 100 mg (Flecainide Controlled Release Teva)

#### Background

Recently the manufacturer changed the capsule colour for omeprazole capsules 40 mg (Teva) to a grey body and a white cap. These are the same colours as used for flecainide capsules long-acting 100 mg (Teva).

There is a risk of misidentification when either medicine is removed from the manufacturer's original packing and dispensed using compliance / blister packaging.

When these medicines are dispensed in their manufacturer's original packaging the risk of misidentification is much reduced.

#### Suggested action

To help with correct medicine identification when omeprazole capsules 40 mg are prescribed and dispensed without the manufacturer's original packaging **dispense as two (2) x omeprazole capsules 20 mg**.<sup>1</sup>

Dispensing two omeprazole capsules 20 mg is funded.

**For further information** please contact [practice@psnz.org.nz](mailto:practice@psnz.org.nz)



<sup>1</sup> Omeprazole 20 mg colours: Omeprazole (Teva), blue cap/white body; Omeprazole Actavis, opaque white capsule.