



FAO: Patients at Rotherham GP Practices

Your GP has agreed a change to your prescription medication

Prescribing at GP practices in Rotherham is regularly reviewed to make sure patients are receiving the most suitable and cost-effective medication.

Records indicate that you are taking **linagliptin 5mg tablets**.

This has been changed to a similar medication called **sitagliptin 100mg tablets** **Take ONE tablet daily.**

These medicines are both in the same class of medicines for treating Type 2 diabetes, so they work in a similar way and are equally effective. However, sitagliptin tablets are available at a lower cost to the NHS. The new dose prescribed is appropriate for treating your diabetes. Switching all our patients will help to provide substantial savings which can then be used to support and improve other aspects of the NHS care we provide.

Please note:

- The change will not affect the way your condition is managed; you will continue to be monitored by your doctor as before.
- Your next repeat prescription will be changed to sitagliptin tablets. Please continue to use your current supply of linagliptin as prescribed by your doctor until the pack is finished and you collect your new prescription.
- The new sitagliptin tablets should be used as directed in this letter and on the prescription. **Do not use at the same time as linagliptin.**
- You should not notice any difference in effect, but if you are on insulin or sulphonylurea (i.e. gliclazide), you should check your blood glucose readings more frequently. This is the case when any changes are made to your blood glucose lowering medication.
- Please read the patient information leaflet provided with the new medication.
- This letter only refers to the change of linagliptin to sitagliptin tablets. All your other medication should be taken as prescribed by your GP.
- This switch is supported by The Rotherham Foundation NHS Trust.

If you have any concerns or notice any changes in your condition, please contact your GP surgery.

Yours faithfully,

The Medicines Optimisation Team (Rotherham Place)

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