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Greetings, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Fakatalofa atu, Mālō nī, Bula Vinaka, Nĭ hăo

Benzbromarone no longer available

We are sorry to tell you that PHARMAC is no longer able to get a supply of benzbromarone. That means that you will need to change to another medicine for your gout.

Talk to your doctor

We have written to the doctor who prescribes benzbromarone for you. We have asked that they contact you to discuss the different medicines that you could use instead to treat your gout.

If your doctor has not contacted you, please contact them to talk about changing your medicines.

Expert advice

We told your doctor that three New Zealand gout experts are available to help your doctor. Together they can work out the best medicine for you to treat your gout and any other health conditions you have.

These experts are:

Dr Nicola Dalbeth Rheumatologist



Dr Peter Gow Rheumatologist



Leanne Te Karu Pharmacist Prescriber



We understand that changing to a different medicine is not easy and we apologise for this situation.