

Your brand of nicorandil is changing

# Max Health is your new brand

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By early 2024, your pharmacist will change your brand of nicorandil from Ikorel to Max Health.

## What's changed?

Your brand of nicorandil tablets is changing from Ikorel to Max Health. You may see some changes in the tablets and packaging between the brands.

## Why is this happening?

Pharmac runs an annual tender on many of the medicines we fund. This tender gives suppliers an opportunity to offer already funded products for better, more competitive prices. The savings we make through the tender process frees up money so we can fund new treatments for people.

This brand change is helping us fund more medicines for better health outcomes for all New Zealanders.

## Max Health nicorandil works the same way

The Max Health brand of nicorandil tablets contain the same active ingredient in the same quantities as the Ikorel brand. They will work in your body the same way.

Medsafe has assessed the Max Health brand for safety, effectiveness, and quality. It meets the same standards as the Ikorel brand. It is approved for use in New Zealand.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about this change, talk to your pharmacist or the person who prescribes your nicorandil.

They know you and your clinical history, they can offer you the best advice.

Visit Pharmac's website [www.pharmac.govt.nz/nicorandil](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/nicorandil)