Your new brand of oral contraceptive is:

Oralcon 30 ED

The Levlen ED brand of oral contraceptive has been replaced by Oralcon 30 ED.

What's changed

The Oralcon pills are a different colour. The active pills are white and in the inactive ("sugar") pills are yellow.

All pills are the same size, unlike Levlen.

Oralcon works the same way

Oralcon 30 ED has the same active ingredients in the same amount as Levlen ED. They work in your body the same way.

You can start taking Oralcon straight away after your last Levlen pill. Make sure you start on the right day in the orange-coloured part of the month.

Why is this happening?

Pharmac runs a regular tender process to make sure we're getting the best medicines at the best prices.

Pharmac uses the tender process to reduce the cost of already funded medicines. This frees up the government's medicine budget to fund more medicines for more people.

Questions?

Talk to your pharmacist or a healthcare professional you trust.

Visit Pharmac's website www.pharmac.govt.nz/oralcon



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