

Your brand of Febuxostat is changing



Do you currently take the Adenuric brand of medicine?

Your new brand of febuxostat is called Febuxostat Multichem.

Febuxostat Multichem works the same as Adenuric.

You shouldn't notice any difference:

- In how Febuxostat Multichem works
- In how your medicine looks.

Presentation	Front side	Back side
80mg		
120mg		

* Not shown to scale

Your brand is changing to help us fund other medicines

A decision to change a medicine is not taken lightly. Our job is to make sure New Zealanders have access to the medicines they need. Making changes to medicines helps us achieve that by freeing up our limited budget to fund other medicines in the community.

Ask your pharmacist when your brand will change

Your pharmacist will change you to the Febuxostat Multichem brand starting from 1 August 2021.

Your new medicine has been carefully checked

Febuxostat Multichem has been fully assessed by Medsafe to make sure it is safe. Medsafe makes sure medicines in New Zealand are high quality and safe for people to use. Medsafe is part of the Ministry of Health.

I want to keep taking my current brand Adenuric

If you want to keep taking Adenuric you will have to pay for it and it may be hard to get a supply. You can ask your pharmacist to check the price of Adenuric and whether it is still available. Adenuric will no longer be funded from 1 January 2022.

Reminder about how to take febuxostat¹

Take febuxostat at the same time every day

- Take febuxostat at the same time each day. It is best taken in the morning. If you do shift work or want to take your medicine at night, talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.
- You can take febuxostat with or without food.

Keep taking febuxostat every day, to prevent gout attacks

- Keep taking febuxostat every day, to prevent gout attacks. Do not stop taking febuxostat suddenly; speak to your doctor or nurse before stopping. Stopping febuxostat suddenly can make your gout worse.
- If you do get a gout attack keep taking febuxostat- do not stop. Ask for some pain medicine from your doctor or pharmacist.

If you forget to take your tablet, take it as soon as you remember

- If you forget to take your tablet, take it as soon as you remember. But, if it is nearly time for your next tablet, just take the next tablet at the right time. Do not take double the dose.

¹Adapted from Health Navigator <https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/medicines/f/febuxostat/>



FIND OUT MORE

If you have any questions or concerns about changing brands, talk with your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

You can also get more information from Pharmac, the New Zealand Government agency that decides which medicines are funded.

Email - enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz

Freephone - 0800 660 050

www.pharmac.govt.nz

