

PRACTICE ADDRESS LIST OF GPs ETC

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PATIENT NAME
PATIENT ADDRESS
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NHS Number:

DATE

Dear

Your doctor has agreed a change to your prescription medication

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

At the moment you take Circadin 2mg modified-release tablets - [dose]
This has been changed to a generic version of the same medication called **melatonin 2mg modified release tablets - [dose]**

These modified-release tablets contain the same medication so work in the same way and are equally effective, but **melatonin 2mg modified release tablets** are available at a lower cost to the NHS. This means that the savings made by prescribing this instead of Circadin 2mg modified-release tablets can then be used to support and improve other NHS services.

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 **melatonin 2mg modified release tablets**. Please continue to use your current supply of Circadin 2mg modified-release tablets as prescribed by your doctor until the pack is finished and you collect your new prescription.
- The new **melatonin 2mg modified release tablets** should be used in exactly the same way as your old brand of medication. **Do not use both together.**
- Please read the patient information leaflet provided with the new medication.
- This letter only refers to the change to melatonin 2mg modified-release tablets. All your other medication should be taken as prescribed by your GP.

I hope you are happy about the reasons for this change. If you have any concerns or notice any changes in your condition please contact the surgery.

Yours sincerely,

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Pharmacy Technician / Clinical Practice Pharmacist
On behalf of the doctors at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX