

NOTICE TO PATIENTS

- When dispensing your prescription your pharmacist may select an alternate brand of the same drug where permitted by Ontario law.
- **You have the right to request an interchangeable product.**
- Ask your pharmacist if a lower priced drug is being used to dispense your prescription.
- Please feel free to consult your pharmacist about your prescription.



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FOR ONTARIO DRUG BENEFIT PATIENTS

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is collecting information related to Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) prescriptions for claims payment and to review drug use.

This information will help pharmacists to prevent problems with your medications, for example, harmful drug interactions. It will also help the ministry to monitor how drugs are used in order to encourage better drug therapy practices.

Ontario hospital emergency departments have access to the drug claims history of ODB recipients and **the ministry is starting to give more health care providers access to this data.**

If you have already notified the ministry that you do not want your ODB data given to health care providers, your instructions will stay in effect unless you ask for a change. For information, call ServiceOntario INFOnline toll-free at 1-800-291-1405 (TTY: 1-800-387-5559).

This information is collected, used and disclosed in accordance with the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*. You can read the ministry's [Statement of Information Practices](#) at www.ontario.ca/health.

You cannot withdraw your consent for the ministry to disclose your drug claims history when it relates to narcotics and other controlled substances. Information about the prescribing and dispensing of these drugs to Ontarians is collected, used and disclosed by the ministry under the *Narcotics Safety and Awareness Act, 2010* which you can find at www.ontario.ca/health.

