

## Examples

### Patient Information Leaflet

#### Switching from oxycodone capsules to Shortec® capsules

The Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) is responsible for managing the drugs budget for all the doctors in the area. It is important that we make the best use of the money available to spend on medicines without reducing the quality of treatment patients receive.

#### Why has my medicine changed?

Your medicine has not actually changed, only the brand name and packaging have altered.

#### Why have I been prescribed a different brand?

When a new medicine is developed, one company manufactures the medicine with a patent license. When the patent expires, other companies are allowed to manufacture the same product under different names. These new medicines contain the same active ingredient, are manufactured to the same high standards and are a more cost effective option for the doctors to prescribe. There are several brands available. The HSCB has chosen Shortec® as its cost-effective brand of choice.

#### Will this new brand work in the same way?

Yes, Shortec® capsules work in exactly the same way as other oxycodone capsule products. You will take the same dose and quantity that you currently take.

#### What will they look like?

To help you to identify your new capsules, pictures of the capsules and their packaging are shown.

The 5mg capsule is beige and yellow and with ONR 5 written on it.

The 10mg capsule is beige and white with ONR 10 written on it.

The 20mg capsule is beige and pink with ONR 20 written on it.

