

Patient Information Leaflet

Switching from galantamine prolonged-release capsules to Gatalin® XL capsules

The Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) is responsible for managing the medicines 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 currently lots of brands available. The HSCB has chosen Gatalin® XL as its cost-effective brand of choice.

Will this new brand work in the same way?

Yes, Gatalin® XL capsules work in exactly the same way as other galantamine modified release products. You will take the same dose and quantity that you currently take. Please use up remaining supplies of your current medicine before ordering your next repeat prescription.

What will they look like?

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

The 8mg hard capsule is opaque white, the 16mg hard capsule is opaque flesh coloured and the 24mg hard capsule is opaque orange.

Gatalin XL 8mg



Gatalin XL 16mg



Gatalin XL 24mg

