



### Change in Premarin® Tablet Formulation

Previously available Premarin® tablets are being discontinued and replaced with a new tablet. Despite several changes (see Table), including slight changes in non-medicinal ingredients, **the active ingredient is identical, the tablets are considered bioequivalent and, therefore, interchangeable.**<sup>1</sup>

Table: Differences between Former and New Premarin Tablet Formulations						
	Former Tablets			New Tablets		
<b>Active ingredient</b>	Sustained release conjugated estrogen			Sustained release conjugated estrogen		
<b>Strength</b>	<b>0.3 mg</b>	<b>0.625 mg</b>	<b>1.25 mg</b>	<b>0.3 mg</b>	<b>0.625 mg</b>	<b>1.25 mg</b>
<b>DIN<sup>2</sup></b>	02043394	02043408	02043424	02414678	02414686	02414694
<b>Labelling<sup>3</sup></b>	Conjugated estrogens tablets, CSD*			Conjugated estrogen sustained release tablets		
<b>Availability<sup>3</sup></b>	Bottles:100,500	Bottles: 100,1000	Bottles:100	Blisters: 28	Blisters: 28	Blisters: 14
<b>Physical appearance<sup>1,4</sup></b>	Green	Maroon	Yellow	Green	Maroon	Yellow
	oval-shaped, sugar-coated, glazed			oval-shaped, slight change in colour, outer coating does not appear as glossy as former tablets		

CSD = Canadian Standard Drug

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