



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.**¹

Table: Differences between Former and New Premarin Tablet Formulations						
	Former Tablets			New Tablets		
Active ingredient	Sustained release conjugated estrogen			Sustained release conjugated estrogen		
Strength	0.3 mg	0.625 mg	1.25 mg	0.3 mg	0.625 mg	1.25 mg
DIN²	02043394	02043408	02043424	02414678	02414686	02414694
Labelling³	Conjugated estrogens tablets, CSD*			Conjugated estrogen sustained release tablets		
Availability³	Bottles:100,500	Bottles: 100,1000	Bottles:100	Blisters: 28	Blisters: 28	Blisters: 14
Physical appearance^{1,4}	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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