

## Accepted Brand Names for Medication Prescribing

<b>Target Audience</b>	Medical Officers; Nursing and Midwifery Staff; Pharmacists
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	All NT Public Hospitals
<b>Jurisdiction Exclusions</b>	N/A
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### Guideline Statement

Prescribing by generic name for most medicines is encouraged. Exceptions may be made where there are differences in bioavailability between brands or they have specific formulation preparations and where medications have multiple ingredients. This guideline lists medications that should be prescribed by brand name to reduce medication selection errors and reduce the risks to patient safety.

### Guideline Purpose

To provide a list of approved medications to be prescribed by brand/trade name to reduce confusion and errors associated with some medicines.

### Guideline Details

The following medications on the NT formulary should be prescribed by brand name:

Brand	Generic	Rational/Comments
<b>Actrapid</b>	Insulin Neutral	High Risk Medication
<b>Atripla</b>	Tenofovir, Emtricitabine and Efavirenz	≥2 ingredients
<b>Boostrix</b>	Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis Vaccine	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
<b>Botox</b>	Botulinum Toxin Type A	Not equivalent (Only to presence of 'Ipsen Unit' in eMMa generic name can help to differentiate Dysport from Botox)

Brand	Generic	Rational/Comments
Cellufresh	Carmellose	Not equivalent between products
Cenovis Mega B	Vitamin B complex	Not equivalent between products
Cepacol Plus with Anaesthetic	Benzocaine, Cetylpyridinium	≥2 ingredients
Cernevit	Multivitamin	Not equivalent between products
Citravescent	Sodium bicarbonate, Citric acid, Tartaric acid	≥2 ingredients
Combivir	Lamivudine, Zidovudine	≥2 ingredients
Coumadin or Marevan	Warfarin	Not bioequivalent
Creon	Pancreatic Enzymes	≥2 ingredients
Descovy	Emtricitabine, tenofovir	≥2 ingredients
Diffiam Plus	Benzydamine, lidocaine (lignocaine) and dichlorobenzyl alcohol	≥2 ingredients
Dysport	Clostridium Botulinium Type A toxin-haemagglutinin complex	Not equivalent (Only to presence of 'Ipsen Unit' in eMMa generic name can help to differentiate Dysport from Botox)
Engerix B	Hepatitis B Paediatric Vaccine	Confusion when prescribed generic
Epclusa	Sofosbuvir, velpatasvir	≥2 ingredients
Eviplera	Tenofovir, Emtricitabine and Rilpivirine	≥2 ingredients
Flarex	Fluometholone Acetate	Same strength (1%) and Flucon, Flarex is more potent; not interchangeable – difference in salt may not be considered
Fleet Enema	Sodium phosphate monobasic, sodium phosphate dibasic	≥2 ingredients
Fleet Oral Solution	Sodium phosphate monobasic, sodium phosphate dibasic	≥2 ingredients
Flo Sinus Care	Sodium chloride, Sodium bicarbonate, Potassium chloride, Glucose Anhydrous, Calcium lactate pentahydrate	≥2 ingredients

Brand	Generic	Rational/Comments
FluarixTetra/Fluquadri Jnr	Influenza Vaccine	Confusion when prescribed generic
Flucon	Fluorometholone	Same strength (1%) as Flarex, Flarex is more potent; not interchangeable – difference in salt may not be considered
Gardasil	Human Papillomavirus Vaccine	Confusion when prescribed generic
Gastrogel	Aluminium hydroxide, Magnesium hydroxide and Magnesium trisilicate	≥2 ingredients
Genteal	Hypromellose/Carbomer gel	≥2 ingredients
Genvoya	Cobicistat, elvitegravir, emtricitabine, tenofovir	≥2 ingredients
Glycoprep C	Polyethylene glycol laxative	Not equivalent between products
Hamilton Bath Oil	Liquid paraffin light	Not equivalent between products
Harvoni	Ledipasvir, Sofosbuvir	≥2 ingredients
H-B-Vax II & Engerix (Adult)	Hepatitis B Adult Vaccine	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
H-B-Vax II Dialysis	Hepatitis B (Dialysis) Vaccine	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
Hepatical	Amino acid and carbohydrate Supplement	≥2 ingredients
Humalog	Insulin Lispro	High Risk Medication
Humalog 25	Insulin Lispro/Insulin Lispro Protamine Suspension	High Risk Medication
Humulin NPH	Insulin Isophane NPH	High Risk Medication
Hydralyte® Ice Blocks	Citric acid, Glucose, Potassium citrate, Sodium Chloride	≥2 ingredients
IFolic	Potassium iodide, folic acid	Not equivalent between products
Infanrix & Tripacel	Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis Vaccine (Infants)	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
Infanrix-Hexa	Hepatitis B, Hib & Polio	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic

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Infanrix-IPV	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio Vaccine	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
Infloran	Bifidobacteria Bifidum & Lactobacillus Acidophilis	Not equivalent to other probiotic formulations
Ipol	Poliomyelitis Vaccine	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
Kaletra	Lopinavir, Ritonavir	≥2 ingredients
Kapanol	Morphine Sulfate Controlled Release Capsules	High Risk Medication
Labinic Paediatric Drops	Bifidobacterium infantis, bifidobacterium bifidum & lactobacillus acidophilus	Not equivalent to other probiotic formulations
Laceraine	Tetracaine (amethocaine) hydrochloride, lidocaine (lignocaine) and adrenaline (epinephrine)	≥2 ingredients
Lantus	Insulin Glargine	High Risk Medication
Lax	Macrogol, potassium chloride, sodium bicarbonate, sodium chloride laxative	≥2 ingredients
Liquifilm Tears	Polyvinyl alcohol	Not equivalent between products
Lozanoc	Itraconazole	Not equivalent between products
Madopar	Levodopa and Benserazide tablet and capsules	Not equivalent between products
Madopar HBS	Levodopa and Benserazide Controlled Release Capsules	Not equivalent between products
Mass Biologics Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids & ADT	Diphtheria and Tetanus Vaccine	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
Maviret	Glecaprevir, pibrentavir	≥2 ingredients
Menactra	Meningococcal Vaccine 4vMenCV	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
Menitorix	Nesseria Meningitidis/Haemophilus Influenzae B	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic

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Mesasal	Mesalazine 250mg EC tablets	Not equivalent between products
Microlax Enema	Sodium citrate, Sodium lauryl sulfoacetate	≥2 ingredients
Mixtard 30/70	Insulin Neutral/Isophane	High Risk Medication
MS Contin	Morphine Sulfate Controlled Release Tablets	≥2 ingredients/High Risk Medication
MS Contin Sachets	Morphine Sulfate Controlled Release Sachets	≥2 ingredients/High Risk Medication
NeisVac-C	Meningococcal C Vaccine	Confusion when prescribed generic
Neocate LCP	Branched chain amino acid formulas	≥2 ingredients
Novomix 30	Insulin Aspart/Insulin Aspartate Protamiune Suspension	High Risk Medication
NovoRapid	Insulin Aspart	High Risk Medication
Odefsey	Emtricitabine, rilpivirine & tenofovir alafenamide	≥2 ingredients
Oralube	Artificial saliva	Not equivalent between products
ORS Powder	Sodium acid citrate, Glucose, potassium chloride, Sodium chloride	≥2 ingredients
Oxycontin SR	Oxycodone Slow Release Tablets	High Risk Medication
Penta-Vite Oral Liquid	Multivitamin	≥2 ingredients, may not be equivalent based on dose of each element/vitamin
Penta-Vite Oral Liquid with Iron	Multivitamin with Iron	≥2 ingredients, may not be equivalent based on dose of each element/vitamin
Picoprep	Sodium picosulfate	≥2 ingredients
Pneumovax 23	Pneumococcal 23-Valent Vaccine	Confusion when prescribed generic
Poly Visc Lubricating Eye Ointment	White Soft Paraffin	Not equivalent between products
Prevenar 13	Pneumococcal 13-Valent Vaccine	Confusion when prescribed generic
Protophane	Insulin Isophane	High Risk Medication

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Q. V Kids Soap Free Wash	Bath Wash	Not equivalent between products
Remicade or Inflectra	Infliximab	Biosimilars, not interchangeable
Resonium A	Sodium polystyrene sulfonate	≥2 ingredients
Rotarix	Rotavirus Oral Vaccine 1.5mL	Confusion when prescribed generic
RotaTeq	Rotavirus Oral Vaccine 2mL	Confusion when prescribed generic
Salofalk	Mesalazine 500mg EC tablets	Not equivalent between products
Sedagel	Choline salicylate/ cetalkonium/chloride/menthol	≥2 ingredients
Sinemet	Levodopa and Carbidopa	Multiple formulations
Sinemet CR	Levodopa and Carbidopa Controlled Release Tablets	Multiple formulations
Strivillb	Cobicistat, Elvitegravir, Emtricitabine, Tenofovir	≥2 ingredients
Targin	Oxycodone/Naloxone Controlled Release Tablets	High Risk Medication
Triumeq	Dolutegravir, Abacavir, Lamivudine	≥2 ingredients
Truvada	Tenofovir and Emtricitabine	≥2 ingredients
Twinrix Adult	Hepatitis A and B Vaccine	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
VAQTA	Hepatitis A Vaccine	Confusion when prescribed generic
Varilrix & Varivax	Varicella Zoster Vaccine	≥2 ingredients, not equivalent, confusion when prescribed generic
Viekira Pak	Paretaprevir, Ritonavir, Ombitasvir, Dasabuvir, Ribavirin	≥2 ingredients
Zepatier	Grazoprevir, ebasvir	≥2 ingredients

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	Method	Responsibility
<b>Implementation</b>	Document will be available for all staff via the PGC.	Health Policy Guidelines Program
<b>Review</b>	Document will be reviewed within a period of 4 years or as changes in practice occur.	Top End Health Service Medication Safety Committee
<b>Evaluation</b>	Adverse events will be recorded in the patient's notes and Riskman.	All Staff Quality and safety unit officers.

<b>Key Associated Documents</b>
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<b>Key Legislation, By-Laws, Standards, Delegations, Aligned &amp; Supporting Documents</b>	NSQHS Standard 4: Medication Safety
<b>References</b>	N/A

**Alternative Search Terms**

Brand name, Trade Name, Prescribe