

News Flash!!

Oxycontin Reformulation

1. Oxycontin in the 5mg strength has not been reformulated and will be discontinued from April 1st. Any residents currently prescribed 5mg Oxycontin tablets will need a review of their opioid therapy by their Medical Practitioner for consideration of alternative long-acting pharmacological therapies.
2. Oxycontin tablets that have been reformulated include strengths 10-80mg and are bio-equivalent to the original Oxycontin tablets, with 12-hourly dosing. They are indicated for the effective relief of moderate to severe chronic pain unresponsive to non-narcotic analgesia.
3. The reformulated Oxycontin tablets should not be taken by patients with swallowing difficulties. To avoid difficulty swallowing, reformulated Oxycontin tablets should be taken one at a time with enough water to ensure complete swallowing immediately after placing in the mouth and should not be wetted prior to placing in the mouth.

Patients with noted swallowing difficulties will need review of their opioid therapy by their Medical Practitioner.

