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Information about your antiviral medication

Tenofovir (Viread®)

Please use the space below to write down any questions you may have and bring this with you to your next appointment.
Please read this information carefully, if you have any questions or are unsure about anything, ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

**Tenofovir**

You are receiving a medicine called Viread® which contains 245mg of tenofovir.

Tenofovir will shortly become available as a generic medicine. A generic medicine is a medicine that has the exact same active drug as a branded version; however it may look slightly different in colour, shape or size as it may be made by a different company, and is often cheaper for the NHS.

**What does this mean to me?**

Receiving a generic version or a different brand of a medicine will not affect your treatment. The strength of the tenofovir (active drug) in both the generic and the branded tablets will be the same. There will be labels on your medicines every time you receive them. Please read the labels carefully.

**What is the difference between the tablets?**

There is no difference in the strength of tenofovir (active drug) in the tablets. However, the tablets may look slightly different in colour, shape or size.

You should not change the time that you take your medicine. If you are having any problems taking your medicine please contact the department that prescribe the medicines for you and discuss with your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

**What are the possible side effects of the medicines?**

There should be no difference between the side effects which you may experience with the tablets as they contain the same strength of active drug. However if you are experiencing any side effects please contact the department that prescribe the medicines for you and discuss with your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

**If you have any questions**

Contact the doctor, nurse, or pharmacist at the clinic that you attend if you have any questions or concerns.

For urgent medical enquiries, contact your GP or out of hours NHS services.