

Glycopyrronium liquid is changing

Information for patients, parents and carers

Your child is prescribed glycopyrronium liquid, which helps to reduce oral secretions (drooling).

Your prescription for glycopyrronium is changing from glycopyrronium bromide liquid 1mg/5ml to:

Glycopyrronium 320micrograms/ml
(equivalent to glycopyrronium bromide 2mg/5ml)
_____ ml _____ times a day

The brand name of the new glycopyrronium liquid is **Sialanar[®]** and you may see this name on prescriptions.

Why is the change necessary?

Sialanar[®] is a liquid form of glycopyrronium that is licensed for reducing drooling in children and young people.

Other glycopyrronium products available are tablets and liquids that are licensed for different conditions (usually the treatment of stomach ulcers in adults). Sialanar has been specifically developed for use in children and young people and has been shown to be both effective and safe in this age group.

The Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee have decided that the licensed product (Sialanar[®]) should be prescribed instead of the “off licence” glycopyrronium products wherever possible.

Some children and young people may continue on their “off licence” glycopyrronium tablets or liquid if their doctor thinks that switching from their existing product to Sialanar[®] would not be suitable or practical.

Why has the dose changed?

The strength (the amount of glycopyrronium per millilitre) of the Sialanar[®] liquid is greater than your previous glycopyrronium liquid. This means that the volume needed to get the same amount of glycopyrronium is less.

How should glycopyrronium be taken?

Sialanar[®] is usually taken three times a day. The dose will be calculated by your doctor and is based on the weight of your child and how they respond to the medicine.

The dose should be given 1 hour before meals or 2 hours after meals in order to be most effective.

It is important that the dose is given at consistent times in relation to food intake. Do not give with high fat foods.

How long can I use Sialanar[®] for once the bottle is opened?

Once the bottle is opened, Sialanar[®] can be used for TWO months. Make a note of the date you opened it on the label to help keep track. Please use all of the liquid in the bottle before opening the next unless it has been open for more than two months.

Where can I obtain further information?

You can obtain further information from your consultant, GP or community pharmacist.