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此文件載有非常重要的資訊，請於下列網址選讀繁體中文版的信函：本文件包含非常重要的信息。請訪問下面的網站查看本信函的簡體中文版：

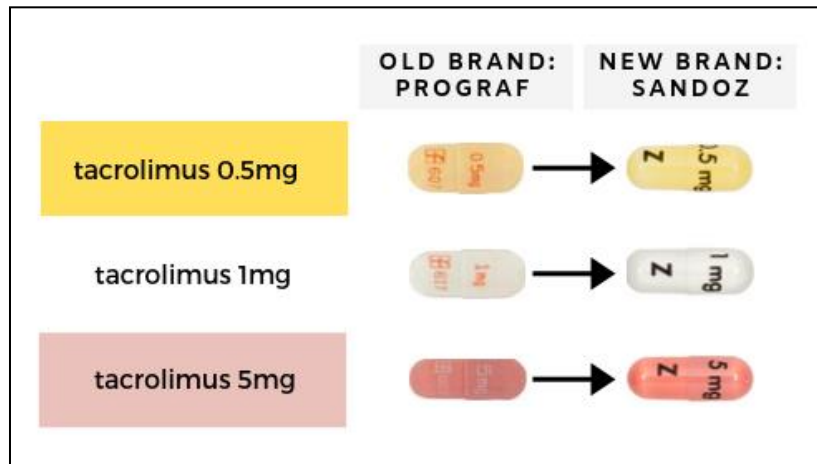
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www.transplant.bc.ca/tacrolimusswitch

Dear Patient / Caregiver of Patient,

Re: Tacrolimus brand change

We are writing to you to inform you that BC Transplant (BCT) is launching a supplier change of immediate release tacrolimus from Prograf to Sandoz. BCT has a thorough process in place to manage the transition and we are confident this will be done efficiently, with your safety as our top priority.



Sandoz tacrolimus is approved by Health Canada and is already in widespread use in other provinces. Health Canada regulates drugs and other health products to make sure they are safe, effective and of high quality. There are many different brands of the same medication available in Canada and they are all rigorously tested to ensure they have the same clinical benefits.

This brand conversion from Prograf to Sandoz tacrolimus allows us an opportunity to maximize resources, expand coverage for new treatments, and improve patient access to more medications. The decision has been extensively reviewed and approved by the medical transplant experts in BC to ensure optimal health for all patients.

We do not expect you to have any new side effects after switching to Sandoz tacrolimus. However, if you notice any new, additional or unexpected side effects, please contact your transplant team at the clinic for advice and further assessment.

The initiative will start on **November 18, 2019** or **January 6, 2020**, depending on your clinic location, but your actual medication switch date will be determined with your transplant team at the clinic. This will depend on how much Prograf tacrolimus you have at home and the date of your next clinic appointment. After you switch to Sandoz tacrolimus, you will need to go to the lab within five to seven days to measure your tacrolimus level.

If you need a refill of your tacrolimus before your next clinic visit, please contact your transplant clinic so that your care team can review this change with you over the phone. If you are seeking medical advice or medical services from health care provider(s) outside of your transplant clinic, please ensure you inform them of the immediate-release tacrolimus brand you are taking.

BC Transplant has multiple ways for you to learn more about this initiative:

- Visit the BC Transplant webpage at www.transplant.bc.ca/tacrolimusswitch.
- Information sessions, online and in person in Vancouver. RSVP details available at www.transplant.bc.ca/tacrolimusswitch.

Your health is always our first priority and therefore, we welcome any questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact us directly. We appreciate your patience and flexibility with this change.

Sincerely,

Transplant Clinic Team