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## TGA International Harmonisation of Ingredient Names

## Why have some names changed?

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The Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) maintains a terminology for ingredients used in medicines. Over time, some of the ingredient names used in Australia have become inconsistent with internationally accepted terminology. This can be confusing for Australian consumers who travel internationally and healthcare professionals who were trained overseas.

## What has happened/will be happening?

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A range of changes will be required over a four year transition period. Some will be relatively minor spelling updates to both excipient and active ingredient names. Other name changes will have a more significant impact including:

- Dual labelling requirements for affected medicinal products.
- Updating of Consumer Medicine Information (CMI), Product Information (PI), and Product Summary (PS) documents.
- Re-submission of relevant documents and labels for TGA approval.

## When will this change occur within MedicalDirector Clinical?

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MedicalDirector has made relevant changes to its Drug and Allergy listings to assist its users in identifying affected medicinal products. These changes will be included with the February 2017 MDref update.

## What is changing within MedicalDirector Clinical?

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Once the MDref update is applied, the following will occur within MedicalDirector Clinical:

- Patient Allergies/ADRs will now reference the new terminology.
- Prescription prompts/alerts will now reference the new terminology.
- The Prescribing or Medication lookup routines will now reference the new terminology.

Examples:

- Patients who had an Allergy/ADR for “Amoxicillin” prior to the Feb2017 MDref update, will now display “Amoxicillin” once the update has been applied.
- When prescribing “Frusemide Tablet”, the medication will be listed as either of the following. *Please note the prescription will reference the newer terminology of “Furosemide Tablet”.*
  - Frusemide (see Furosemide)
  - Furosemide Tablet

## Why is there some inconsistency between the names I see in search/browse results and those displayed within MedicalDirector Clinical?

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The TGA has provided pharmaceutical manufacturers with a transition period of up to four years to amend all relevant packaging, labels, and documentation. Relevant updates to MedicalDirector Clinical will only be applied once they have been made by the associated manufacturer first.

*MedicalDirector will always represent the content of manufacturer authored documents as supplied.*

## Further Reading

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For further information regarding this change, please see the following links;

- <https://www.tga.gov.au/updating-medicine-ingredient-names>
- <https://www.tga.gov.au/updating-medicine-ingredient-names-list-affected-ingredients>



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Former Ingredient Name	New Ingredient Name
Amethocaine	Tetracaine
Aminacrine	Aminoacridine
Amoxicillin	Amoxicillin
Bacillus calmette-guerin	Mycobacterium bovis (BCG strain)
Beclomethasone	Beclometasone
Benzhexol	Trihexyphenidyl
Benztropine	Benzatropine
Cephalexin	Cefalexin
Cephalothin	Cefalotin
Cephazolin	Cefazolin
Chlorbutol	Chlorobutanol
Chlorpheniramine	Chlorphenamine
Chlorthalidone	Chlortalidone
Cholecalciferol	Colecalciferol
Cholestyramine	Colestyramine
Clomiphene	Clomifene
Colaspase	Asparaginase
Cyclosporin	Ciclosporin
Cysteamine	Mercaptamine
Dexamphetamine	Dexamfetamine
Dothiepin	Dosulepin
Eformoterol	Formoterol
Ethacrynic Acid	Etacrynic Acid
Ethinylestradiol	Ethinylestradiol
Flumethasone	Flumetasone
Flupenthixol	Flupentixol
Frusamide	Furosemide
Glutaraldehyde	Glutaral
Glycol Salicylate	Hydroxyethyl Salicylate
Guaiphenesin	Guaifenesin

Former Ingredient Name	New Ingredient Name
Heparinoid	Heparinoids
Hexachlorophane	Hexachlorophene
Hexamine	Methenamine
Hydroxyquinoline	Oxyquinoline
Hydroxyurea	Hydroxycarbamide
Indomethacin	Indometacin
Laureth-9	Lauromacrogol 400
Lignocaine	Lidocaine
Oestradiol	Estradiol
Oestriol	Estriol
Oestrogens - Conjugated	Conjugated Estrogens
Oxpentifylline	Pentoxifylline
Pericyazine	Periciazine
Phenobarbitone	Phenobarbital
Procaine Penicillin	Procaine Benzylpenicillin
Rutin	Rutoside
Salcatonin	Calcitonin Salmon
Tetracosactrin	Tetracosactide
Tetrahydrozoline	Tetryzoline
Thioguanine	Tioguanine
Thyroxine	Levothyroxine
Triethanolamine Lauryl Sulfate	Trolamine Lauril Sulfate
Triethanolamine Salicylate	Trolamine Salicylate
Trimeprazine	Alimemazine

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