

Medication Posting

Important news and alerts about pharmacy products



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Best Practice

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Medication Change

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For distribution by:

Pharmacy Managers/Directors

For the information of:

Pharmacy Staff
Patient Care Managers
Clinical Nurse Educators
Physicians
Nursing Staff

PLEASE POST

Switching from Advair Diskus[®] to Wixela Inhub[®]

The Issue:

Wixela Inhub[®] is the generic version of Advair Diskus[®] (fluticasone propionate-salmeterol) that will be supplied by Pharmacy when current stock of Advair Diskus[®] is depleted.

Key Points:

- Wixela Inhub[®] is expected to be just as effective and safe as Advair Diskus[®].
- Wixela Inhub[®] is available in the same strengths as Advair Diskus[®].
- Pharmacy dispensing systems (i.e. Connect Care, Meditech, SCM, and VAX) and the *AHS Provincial Drug Formulary* have been updated to include “Wixela Inhub” on all fluticasone propionate-salmeterol dry powder inhaler (DPI) drug records.
- Although Wixela Inhub[®] looks different than Advair Diskus[®] (see pictures below), the steps for using these DPIs are similar.
- Wixela Inhub[®] is listed as interchangeable with Advair Diskus[®] on the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* so if an *ADBL* special authorization form has been completed for Advair Diskus[®], a new form is **not needed** for Wixela Inhub[®] when the patient is discharged.

Advair Diskus[®]



Wixela Inhub[®]



Action:

- Please post this notice in your area and ensure that all staff are informed about the change.
- Pharmacy should evaluate local storage to assess potential risk as stock is being transitioned from Advair Diskus[®] to Wixela Inhub[®]. Ensure medication storage areas are orderly and clearly labeled.
- For patients who were using Advair Diskus[®] before their hospital stay, Pharmacy will send the *Patient Handout for Wixela Inhub[®]* [\[available here\]](#) along with each Wixela Inhub[®]. Staff should then review the handout with their patients.
- Order sets listing the brand name “Advair Diskus” should be updated to also include “Wixela Inhub”.

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