

# Dilantin® / Phenytoin

## PHARMACY NOTICE: PHENYTOIN REFORMULATION



Dilantin® (also known as Phenytoin) is a medicine to help prevent and control seizures.

Pfizer, the company that makes Dilantin®, is changing some of the ingredients in the capsules from mid-August 2018. This may affect the way your body absorbs this medicine.

You have been given a new formulation of Dilantin® capsules.

### What does this mean?

The new formulation may work differently to the old formulation of Dilantin®.

This means that from now, each time you collect your prescription for Dilantin® make sure your packaging is printed with “Reformulation” on the side of the bottle (see picture above). If not, please talk to your pharmacist.

**Show this notice to your local doctor and pharmacist and tell them you must continue with this new formulation.**

### What do I do with my leftover medicine?

Please take ALL old formulation capsules to your local pharmacy for disposal.

### When should I see my local doctor?

Make an appointment with your local doctor once you are discharged from the hospital.

### Do I need to have a blood test?

Yes, if this has not been done at the hospital before you were discharged, you will need to have a blood test for Dilantin®/Phenytoin done with your GP within 7-10 days of starting on this new formulation. This is to make sure that your medicine is working properly and you are not having side-effects.

### What side-effects should I look out for?

Please contact your doctor immediately if you experience any increased seizure activity or side-effects including nausea, vomiting, insomnia, agitation, drowsiness, muscle weakness or loss of coordination, confusion, blurred or double vision or dizziness.

If you have any questions please contact your local pharmacist or GP.

## FACT SHEET: Pharmacy



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