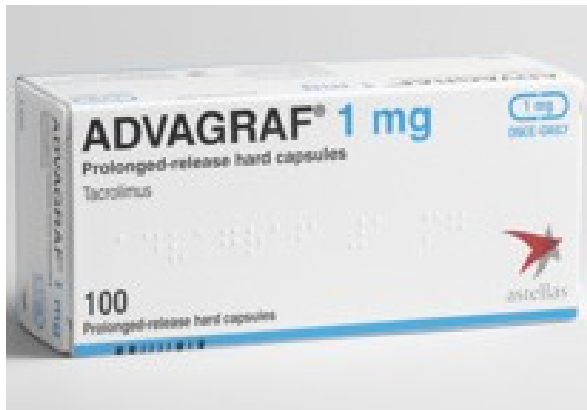




Information for patients

Kidney transplant patients and
conversion from twice-daily
Tacrolimus (Prograf™) to once-daily
Tacrolimus (Advagraf™)



This is a photo of the UK package for Advagraf™ 1 mg capsules (once-daily Tacrolimus); (these are prolonged-release capsules, i.e. they are taken once daily and have an effect for 24 hours)



This is a photo of the UK package for Prograf™ 1 mg capsules (These are the normal twice-daily Tacrolimus capsules)

This leaflet is for renal transplant patients who are being converted from twice-daily Tacrolimus (Prograf™) to once-daily Tacrolimus (Advagraf™). Tacrolimus is an immuno-suppressant drug that prevents transplant rejection.

- Twice-daily (Prograf™) and once-daily Tacrolimus (Advagraf™) are easily confused. The purpose of this leaflet is to avoid confusion.
- Conversion from twice-daily (Prograf™) to once-daily Tacrolimus (Advagraf™) is more convenient for some patients. It is hoped that this will improve the Tacrolimus blood levels, prevent rejection, and prolong the survival of the transplant. Studies have shown that once-daily Tacrolimus (Advagraf™) is as safe as twice-daily Tacrolimus (Prograf™) in kidney transplant patients.
- The decision to convert you from Prograf™ to Advagraf™ will be made by your kidney/transplant consultant following discussion with you.
- The total daily dose remains the same. For example, if the patient has been on 2 mg Prograf™ twice daily the new dose of Advagraf™ will be 4 mg once daily.
- **Only your kidney/transplant consultant should change the preparation.** When you collect Prograf™/Advagraf™ from the pharmacy: Double-check the preparation and dose. **Make sure that you do not keep stocks of Prograf™ and Advagraf™ together** (you may confuse the two).
- There is no transition period: You are either on Prograf™ or Advagraf™ but not on both. **Please return any capsules you are no longer taking to your pharmacy.**
- Always make sure you have a current and complete medication list with you, particularly if you see doctors in clinic or if you are admitted to hospital.

Disclaimer: This leaflet was compiled on the basis of personal and institutional experience. Other recommendations may apply to individual patients. The content of this leaflet does **not** replace a consultation with the transplant team/kidney doctors.

Sources of further information

Contact us:

Kidney Transplant Team / Phone 01772-523475 (answer machine)

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.patient.co.uk

<https://www.kidney.org.uk/>

Cantonese:

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Gujarati:

જો તમને આ માહિતી બીજી રચના કે ફોર્મેટમાં મેળવવાની ઇચ્છા હોય, તો કૃપા કરી અમારો સંપર્ક કરતા અચકાશો નહિ.

Hungarian:

Kérjük, vegye fel velünk a kapcsolatot, ha más formában kéri ezt az információt.

Polish:

Jeżeli chciał(a)by Pan/Pani otrzymać niniejsze informacje w innym formacie, prosimy o kontakt.

Punjabi:

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਫਾਰਮੈਟ ਵਿਚ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲੈਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਨਾ ਝਿਜਕੋ।

Urdu:

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