



Berkshire West Area Prescribing Committee (BWAPC)

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<b>Drug Name</b>	Generic sildenafil																		
<b>Indication under review</b>	Suggested dose equivalents when considering switching from tadalafil or vardenafil in erectile dysfunction (ED)																		
<b>Policy No:</b>	APC 084																		
<b>Date of Issue:</b>	September 2014																		
<b>Review Date:</b>	September 2017																		
<b>Policy Statement:</b> Generic sildenafil is recommended as the first line PDE-5 inhibitor for erectile dysfunction. The conversion table below is available for practices wishing to switch patients over to generic sildenafil																			
<b>Traffic Light Status</b>	<b>Green</b>																		
<p>The switch has been assumed at the following dose conversions. Note that, as there are no comparative trials between agents, these are pragmatic dose equivalent choices, based on licensed dosage ranges, not necessarily therapeutically equivalent doses</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Drug</th> <th>Switch to:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tadalafil 10mg</td> <td>Sildenafil 50mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tadalafil 20mg</td> <td>Sildenafil 100mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vardenafil 5mg</td> <td>Sildenafil 25mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vardenafil 10mg</td> <td>Sildenafil 50mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vardenafil 20mg</td> <td>Sildenafil 100mg</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The table below contains drugs which should not be routinely prescribed to patients as they are not considered a cost effective use of scarce NHS resources</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Drug</th> <th>Switch to:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tadalafil 2.5mg daily</td> <td>Sildenafil 100mg 8 per month (NB high dose chosen to compensate for loss of daily dosage.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tadalafil 5mg daily</td> <td>Sildenafil 100mg 8 per month (NB high dose chosen to compensate for loss of daily dosage.)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Drug	Switch to:	Tadalafil 10mg	Sildenafil 50mg	Tadalafil 20mg	Sildenafil 100mg	Vardenafil 5mg	Sildenafil 25mg	Vardenafil 10mg	Sildenafil 50mg	Vardenafil 20mg	Sildenafil 100mg	Drug	Switch to:	Tadalafil 2.5mg daily	Sildenafil 100mg 8 per month (NB high dose chosen to compensate for loss of daily dosage.)	Tadalafil 5mg daily	Sildenafil 100mg 8 per month (NB high dose chosen to compensate for loss of daily dosage.)
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<b>References:</b>  TRENT MEDICINES INFORMATION SERVICE: QIPP Detail Aid Support Document: Sildenafil - generic opportunity																			
<b>Date taken to APC:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2014																		
<b>Date Ratified by MMC on Behalf of the Board:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2014																		

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Berkshire West Area Prescribing Policies serve as a guide to clinicians. This does not overrule the clinical or budgetary responsibility of clinicians when considering treatment for individual patients.