Virginia Preferred Drug List (PDL) / Common Core Formulary QuickList

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General Information:

- **Virginia Medicaid's Preferred Drug List (PDL) only includes select drug classes**
- PDL preferred drugs do not require Service Authorizations (SA) unless subject to additional clinical criteria (e.g., long-acting opioids, hepatitis C therapies, growth hormone)
- Non-preferred drugs require a SA
- Drugs not on the PDL are subject to Virginia's mandatory generic substitution requirements.
- Drugs with Physician Administered Drug (PAD) Criteria are medical benefit drugs and may be submitted through the medical benefit.
- SAs may be submitted by fax, phone or WebPA. For urgent requests, please call **800-932-6648.** Fax requests receive a response within 24 hours. **Fax: 800-932-6651.**

PDL drug coverage information can be found at http://www.VirginiaMedicaidPharmacyServices.com. **The following "routine" PDL criteria guidelines will be applied to all non-preferred drugs**.

1. Is there any reason the member cannot be changed to a preferred drug within the same class? Acceptable reasons include:
   - Allergy to preferred drug.
   - Contraindication to or drug-to-drug interaction with preferred drug.
   - History of unacceptable/toxic side effects to preferred drug.
   - Member's condition is clinically stable; changing to a preferred drug might cause deterioration of the member's condition.
2. The requested drug may be approved if both of the following are true:
   - There has been a therapeutic failure of at least **two** preferred drugs **within the same class as appropriate for diagnosis unless otherwise noted in the clinical criteria.** A therapeutic failure of only one preferred drug is required when there is only one preferred drug within a therapeutic class.
   - The requested drug's corresponding generic (if a generic is available and covered by the State) has been attempted **and** failed or is contraindicated.

ALL new preferred changes from last posting will be highlighted in yellow.

LEGEND

CE = clinical edit, **ST** = step edit, **QL** = quantity limit, **AGE** = age edit, **cap** = capsule, **cr** = cream, **ER** = extended release, **inj** = injection, **IR** = immediate release, **ODT** = oral disintegrating tablet, **oint** = ointment, **PAD** = Physician Administered Drug, **soln** = solution, **supp** = suppository, **susp** = suspension, **tab** = tablet

I. Analgesics

Agents for Opioid Dependency Oral Buprenorphine Products SA & Daily Dose Limits Form

buprenorphine SL
buprenorphine/naloxone tab SL
Brixadi™
Suboxone® film
Sublocade™ SQ
Kloxxado™ Spray
naloxone syringe, vial, Carpuject, nasal spray Rx/OTC, naltrexone tab
Narcan® Nasal Spray Rx/OTC
Opvee®
Rextovy™ Nasal Spray
Vivitrol®
Zurnai™

Neuropathic Pain and Select Agents

capsaicin OTC topical
duloxetine 20, 30 & 60 mg
gabapentin cap, soln, tab
lidocaine 5% patch
pregabalin

Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)

Children's Motrin® susp (OTC)
diclofenac sodium

Long Acting Opioids (CE, QL) Long Acting Opioids SA Form Long Acting Opioids Daily Dose Limits Form

Butrans® (buprenorphine) transdermal patch
fentanyl 12, 25, 50, 75 & 100 mcg patches
morphine sulfate ER tab

Short Acting Opioids (CE, QL) Short Acting Opioids SA Form Short Acting Opioids Daily Dose Limits Form

codeine/APAP
hydrocodone/APAP
hydrocodone/ibuprofen
hydromorphone
morphine IR
oxycodone IR
oxycodone/APAP
tramadol HCl 50 mg
tramadol HCl/APAP

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I. Analgesics

ibuprofen cap
ibuprofen tab 100mg, 200mg, 400mg, 600mg, 800mg (OTC & Rx)
Infant's ibuprofen drops
meloxicam tab
naproxen tab & naproxen sodium OTC & naproxen EC (Rx)
sulindac
diclofenac sodium 1% gel Rx and OTC

II. Anti-Infectives

Antibiotics: Cephalosporins Oral

cefaclor cap
cefdinir cap/susp
cefprozil tab/susp
cefuroxime tab

Antibiotics: GI

metronidazole 250mg, 500mg tab
vancomycin cap
vancomycin for reconstitution oral soln kit (Firvanq™ soln)

Antibiotics: Inhaled (AGE, QL)

Bethkis®
Kitabis™ PAK
Tobi Podhaler®
tobramycin inhalation neb soln (generic Tobi® inh)

Antibiotics: Macrolides

azithromycin pack, susp, tab
clarithromycin tab/susp
erythromycin base tab DR
erythromycin ethylsuccinate 200 mg susp
erythromycin stearate

Antibiotics: Otic

ciprofloxacin/dexamethasone
ofloxacin
neomycin/polymyxin/hc soln/sus

Antifungals: Oral

fluconazole tab/susp
griseofulvin susp
nystatin tab/susp
terbinafine

Antifungals: Topical

antifungal 1% cr, powder
antifungal 2% cr
ciclodan 8% soln
ciclopirox soln
clotrimazole cr (OTC & Rx)
clotrimazole soln (Rx)
clotrimazole-betamethasone cr
ketoconazole cr & shampoo
Klayesta powder
miconazole cr & spray (OTC)
nystatin cr/oint/powder
Nystop powder
terbinafine cr (OTC)
tolnaftate cr/powder (OTC)

Antivirals: Hepatitis C Agents – Preferred agents do not require submission of any SA.

Mavyret™, Mavyret™ Pellet packs

Antivirals: Hepatitis B Agents

entecavir (generic for Baraclude®) tab

Antivirals: Herpes Orals

acyclovir cap/tab/susp
famciclovir
valacyclovir

Antivirals: Herpes Topical

acyclovir oint
docosanol

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II. Anti-Infectives	
Antibiotics: Quinolones	
ciprofloxacin susp, tab levofloxacin tab	**Antivirals: HIV/AIDS** abacavir tab/soln abacavir-lamivudine tab abacavir-lamivudine-zidov tab Apretude atazanavir sulfate cap Biktarvy® tab Cabenuva Cimduo® tab Complera® tab darunavir Delstrigo™ tab Descovy® tab Dovato® tab Edurant® tab efavirenz tab efavir-emtri-tenof tab emtricitabine cap emtricitabine-tenofv Emtriva™ cap/soln Epivir® soln etravirine tab Evotaz® tab fosamprenavir tab/susp Genvoya® tab Intelence® tab Isentress® chew tab/ tab/powder pack Juluca® tab Kaletra® soln lamivudine tab/soln lamivudine-zidovudine tab lopinavir-ritonavir tab Maraviroc nevirapine IR tab/ ER tab/susp Norvir® powder pack Odefsey® tab Pifeltro™ tab Prezcobix® tab Retrovir® cap/vial Reyataz® powder pack rilpivirine ER vial ritonavir tab/soln Rukobia™ ER tab Selzentry® tab/soln Stribild® tab Sunlenca® tab/vial Symfi® and Symfi Lo® tab Symtuza® tab

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II. Anti-Infectives	
	Temixys™ tab tenofovir disoproxil fum tab Tivicay® tab/tab for susp Triumeq® tab Triumeq® PD Truvada® tab Tybost® tab Viramune® tab Viread® powder Vocabria Yeztugo® Ziagen® soln zidovudine tab/cap/syrup
	Antivirals: Influenza
	oseltamivir susp/cap
Antibiotics: Topical	**Antivirals: COVID-19**
mupirocin ointment	Paxlovid
Antibiotics: Vaginal	
Cleocin® Ovules Clindesse® cr metronidazole gel Nuvessa™	

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III. Blood Modifiers	
Bile Salts	**Colony Stimulating Factors**
tixursodiol tab and cap	Neupogen syringe and vial Fulphila
Hemophilia Treatment	
Factor VIII Products: Advate® Adynovate® Afstyla® Alphanate® Eloctate® Esperoct® Hemofil-M® Humate-P® Jivi® Koate-DVI® Kogenate FS® Kovaltry® Novoeight® Nuwiq® Obizur® Recombinate® Xyntha® Kit & Solofuse Syr Factor IX Products: AlphaNine SD® Alprolix® BeneFIX® Idelvion® Ixinity® Profilnine SD® Rebinyn® Rixubis®	Factor VIIa & Activated Prothrombin Complex Concentrate: Feiba NF® NovoSeven RT® Sevenfact® Factor IXa and Factor X Directed Antibody: Hemlibra® Factor X and Factor XIII Products: Coagadex® Corifact® Kit Tretten® Antithrombin Lowering Agents: Qfitlia Prothrombin Complex Concentrate: Balfaxar® Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor Antagonist: Alhemo® Hympavzi™ Von Willebrand: Vonvendi® Wilate®
Phosphate Binders	**Sickle Cell Anemia Treatments-** Preferred agents do not require submission of any SA, except for Siklos in members 18 and older and Xromi in members 2 and older)
calcium acetate 667 mg cap calcium acetate 668 mg sevelamer carbonate tablet	Droxia Endari Siklos Xromi

IV. Bone Resorption Suppression and Related Agents	
Bisphosphonates, Calcitonins and Others	
alendronate tab calcitonin-salmon nasal Enoby ibandronate raloxifene Xtrenbo	

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V. Cardiovascular

Antihypertensive Agents	Lipotropics
amlodipine & amlodipine/benazepril	atorvastatin
amlodipine/olmesartan	cholestyramine powder & cholestyramine powder light
amlodipine/valsartan	colestipol tab
atenolol & atenolol/chlorthalidone	ezetimibe
benazepril & benazepril/HCTZ	fenofibrate 48 mg, 145 mg
bisoprolol & bisoprolol/HCTZ	gemfibrozil
Cartia XT®	icosapent ethyl (gen Vascepa®)
carvedilol	lovastatin
diltiazem IR, ER, q12HR & 24HR	niacin ER
enalapril & enalapril/HCTZ	Omega-3 Acid Ethyl Esters RX
irbesartan & irbesartan/HCTZ	Omega-3 OTC
labetalol	pravastatin
lisinopril & lisinopril/HCTZ	Prevalite®
losartan & losartan/HCTZ	rosuvastatin
metoprolol succinate & metoprolol tartrate	simvastatin
nadolol	
nebivolol	
nifedipine IR, ER	
olmesartan & olmesartan/HCTZ	
propranolol tab & ER/soln	
ramipril	
sacubitril/valsartan	
sotalol HCL, AF	
telmisartan & telmisartan/HCTZ	
valsartan & valsartan/HCTZ	
verapamil tab IR & ER	

Pulmonary Arterial Hypertensin Agents (PAH)
Alyq™
Ambrisentan
bosentan tab
sildenafil tab/susp
tadalafil
Ventavis®

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VI. Central Nervous System

Alzheimer's Agents

donepezil ODT & tab
rivastigmine (transderm)
memantine tab

Anticonvulsants

carbamazepine chewable tab/susp/tab
carbamazepine ER
Carbatrol®
clobazam tab/susp
clonazepam tab
diazepam rectal & Device rectal
Dilantin 30mg
Depakote Sprinkle
divalproex ER, divalproex tab
Epidiolex®
Epitol
ethosuximide cap/syrup
lacosamide soln/tab (gen Vimpat®)
lamotrigine tab, chewable tab, & lamotrigine XR
levetiracetam ER, levetiracetam soln & tab
Nayzilam®
oxcarbazepine tab
phenobarbital elixir & tab
phenytoin cap/chew tab/susp & phenytoin ext cap
primidone
roweepra (generic version levetiracetam)
Sezaby
subvenite tab (generic lamotrigine)
Tegretol®XR
topiramate tab & 15, 25 mg sprinkle cap
Trileptal® susp
valproic acid cap, soln
Valtoco Nasal Spray®
zonisamide

Antidepressants

bupropion IR, SR & XL
citalopram soln/tab
desvenlafaxine succinate ER
escitalopram tab
fluoxetine cap/soln
fluvoxamine tab
mirtazapine ODT & tab
paroxetine tab
sertraline conc, soln, tab
trazodone
venlafaxine IR & ER cap
vilazodone tab

Antipsychotics (AGE) Antipsychotics Age Limits Form

Abilify Asimtufii®
Abilify Maintena®
amitriptyline/perphenazine
aripiprazole tab
Aristada®
Aristada Initio™
chlorpromazine
clozapine tab
Erzofri®
fluphenazine decanoate
fluphenazine elixir/soln/tab
haloperidol decanoate, haloperidol lactate conc & haloperidol tab
Invega Hafyera™, Sustenna®, Trinza®
loxapine
lurasidone
olanzapine ODT, tab, IM
paliperidone ER
perphenazine
Perseris™
quetiapine tab & quetiapine fumarate ER
Risperdal Consta®
risperidone ODT/ soln/tab
thioridazine
thiothixene
trifluoperazine
Uzedy™
Vraylar™
ziprasidone capsule, vial

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Emflaza tab & suspension

Movement Disorders

Austedo® tablet
Austedo XR® tab
Austedo XR® titration pack
Ingrezza capsule/Sprinkle
Ingrezza initiation pack
tetrabenazine tablet

Non-Ergot Dopamine Receptor Agonists

pramipexole
ropinirole HCl

sedatives / hypnotics

eszopiclone
temazepam 15 & 30 mg
zaleplon
zolpidem

Skeletal Muscle Relaxants

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VI. Central Nervous System

Antimigraine Agents

sumatriptan succinate tab/cartridge/vial/pen
rizatriptan tab & MLT

Antimigraine Agents, Others

Aimovig™
Ajovy® Autoinjector & Syringe
Ajovy® Autoinjector 3-Pk
Emgality™ Syringe
Emgality™ Pen
Nurtec™ ODT
Qulipta™
Ubrelvy®

baclofen
cyclobenzaprine HCL
methocarbamol
tizanidine tab

Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Evrysdi
Spinraza (PAD)
Itvisma (PAD)
Zolgensma (PAD)

Stimulants / ADHD (AGE) Stimulants/ADHD Medications Age Limits Form

amphetamine salts combo ER
amphetamine salts combo
atomoxetine
clonidine ER
dexmethylphenidate IR, XR
dextroamphetamine tab
dextroamphetamine cap SR
guanfacine ER
methylphenidate IR
methylphenidate ER tab (Metadate ER tab)
methylphenidate ER (Concerta)
methylphenidate soln
Vyvanse® cap

Narcolepsy Drugs

armodafinil
modafinil
Sunosi™

VII. Dermatologics

Topical Acne Agents (AGE)

Acne Medication gel, lot
adapalene gel OTC
benzoyl peroxide wash/cr/gel/lot (OTC)
clindacin ETZ 1% pledget
clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide (generic Duac®)
clindamycin phosphate soln/pledget/swab/gel/lotion
erythromycin solution
tretinoin 0.025, 0.05, 0.1% cream

Topical Agents for Rosacea

metronidazole cr/gel

Topical Steroids

betamethasone valerate cr/lot/oint
clobetasol emollient & clobetasol propionate cr /gel /oint /soln
fluticasone propionate cr/oint
halobetasol propionate cr
hydrocortisone cr/gel/lot/oint
hydrocortisone cr/oint OTC
hydrocortisone/aloe cr OTC
mometasone furoate cr/oint/soln
triamcinolone acetonide cr/lot/oint

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VII. Dermatologics

Topical Atopic Dermatitis

Adbry™
Dupixent®
Ebglyss
Eucrisa™
pimecrolimus
tacrolimus
Vtama

Topical Agents for Psoriasis

calcipotriene cr/oint/soln

VIII. Endocrine and Metabolic Agents

Androgenic Agents

testosterone pump (generic for AndroGel® Pump)
testosterone packet (authorized generic for Vogelxo™)

Antihyperuricemics

allopurinol 100mg and 300mg
colchicine tab
Probenecid® & probenecid & colchicine

Contraceptives (long-acting IUDs & injectable)

Depo-Provera® 104mg
Kyleena™
Liletta®
medroxyprogesterone 150 mg
Mirena®
Nexplanon®
Paragard®
Skyla®

Diabetes: Injectable Hypoglycemics

Humulin 500 U/M pen/vial
Humulin® 70/30 pen/vial (OTC)
Humulin® N pen/vial (OTC)
Humulin® R pen/vial
insulin aspart cartridge pen/vial
insulin aspart/insulin aspart protamine insulin pen
insulin aspart/insulin aspart protamine vial
insulin lispro vial
insulin lispro Jr. Kwikpen
insulin lispro Pen
insulin lispro protamine mix kwikpen (authorized generic)

Glucagon Agents

Baqsimi nasal
Gvoke pen, syringe, vial
Proglycem suspension oral
Zegalogue Autoinjector
Zegalogue Syringe

Glucocorticoids, Oral

budesonide EC
dexamethasone soln/tab
hydrocortisone
methylprednisolone 4mg tab & methylprednisolone tab dose pack
prednisolone sodium phosphate soln
prednisolone soln
prednisone soln/tab & dose pack

Growth Hormone Agents (CE) Growth Hormone SA Form

Genotropin® Cartridge, Miniquick
Norditropin FlexPro®

Hereditary Angioedema Agents (HAE) – (CE,QL)
Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) SA & Quantity Limits Form

Berinert®
icatibant (generic Firazyr®)
Haegarda
Kalbitor®

Progestational Agents

medroxyprogesterone acetate (tab only)
norethindrone acetate
progesterone cap & injection

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VIII. Endocrine and Metabolic Agents	
Lantus® Solostar® and vial Toujeo Solostar® Pen Trulicity™ Victoza®	**Vaginal / Oral / Transdermal Estrogens** Climara Divigel Elestrin estradiol Evamist Lynkuet Premarin Premarin® Vaginal cr Vagifem® Vaginal tab Vivelle-Dot
	Weight Management Agents orlistat Xenical phendimetrazine IR and ER phentermine benzphetamine diethylpropion IR and ER
Diabetes: Oral Hypoglycemics	
acarbose dapagliflozin glimepiride 1,2,4 mg tab glipizide IR & ER glyburide & micronized glyburide/metformin Glyxambi® Janumet® Januvia® Jardiance® Jentadueto™ Jentadueto XR™ metformin 500, 850, and 1000mg metformin ER (generic for Glucophage® XR) nateglinide pioglitazone repaglinide Synjardy® Synjardy® XR Tradjenta™ Trijardy™ XR Xigduo™ XR	

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IX. Gastrointestinal

Antiemetic / Antivertigo Agents	Pancreatic Enzymes (CE)
Diclegis® dronabinol meclizine (OTC, Rx) metoclopramide soln, tab, vial ondansetron ODT, sol, tab prochlorperazine promethazine soln, syrp, tab, 12.5mg&25mg supp	Creon® Zenpep®
	Phenylketonuria
	Kuvan powder packet
	Proton Pump Inhibitors (CE after 90 days utilization) Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)
	omeprazole Rx pantoprazole Protonix® susp
	Ulcerative Colitis Oral and Rectal
GI Motility, Chronic (CE) GI Motility, Chronic SA Form	balsalazide disodium mesalamine ER (authorized generic of Apriso) Pentasa® sulfasalazine DR & IR mesalamine rectal supp mesalamine enema
Linzess™ lubiprostone and authorized generic Movantik®	
H. Pylori Treatment	
Pylera®	
Laxatives & Cathartics	
Gavilyte-C solution Gavilyte-G solution PEG 3350/electrolytes solution for reconstitution PEG-3350/flavor packs solution for reconstitution sodium, potassium, mag sulfates (authorized generic of Suprep) lactulose solution	

X. Hematopoietic Agents

Anticoagulants	Platelet Inhibitors
dabigatran Eliquis™ tab, sprinkle cap, susp Eliquis™ Dose Pack enoxaparin Jantoven warfarin Xarelto® & Xarelto® Starter Pack, susp	clopidogrel dipyridamole prasugrel (generic Effient®) ticagrelor
Erythropoiesis Stimulating Proteins	
Epogen® Retacrit™(PFIZER)	

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XI. Immunologic Agents

Cytokine and CAM Antagonists	Multiple Sclerosis Agents
adalimumab-adbm (unbranded version of Cyltezo made by Boehringer Ingelheim) Enbrel® Pen, Sureclick, Syringe, Vial Hadlima™ Pyzchiva® Syringe, Vial Starjemza™ Methotrexate: methotrexate tab/PF vial/MDV	Avonex® & Adm Pack Copaxone 20 mg syringe® dalfampridine ER dimethyl fumarate and Starter Pack fingolimod Kesimpta® teriflunomide

XII. Ophthalmics

Antibiotics	Anti-inflammatory Agents
bacitracin/polymyxin B sulfate oint ciprofloxacin drops erythromycin gentamicin drops/oint moxifloxacin (Vigamox generic) ofloxacin drops polymyxin/trimethoprim tobramycin	diclofenac sodium Durezol® flurbiprofen sodium ketorolac 0.4% & 0.5% prednisolone acetate Restasis® Xiidra®
Antibiotic / Steroid Combinations	**Glaucoma Agents**
neomycin/polymyxin/dexamethasone oint/susp sulfacetamide/prednisolone Tobradex® oint tobramycin/dexamethasone susp	Alphagan P® 0.1 & 0.15% Azopt® brimonidine 0.2% carteolol 1% Combigan® dorzolamide & dorzolamide/timolol latanoprost levobunolol 0.5% metipranolol 0.3% Rhopressa® Rocklatan ® timolol maleate Travatan Z®
Antihistamines / Mast Cell Stabilizers	
Alaway OTC® cromolyn sodium ketotifen fumerate olopatadine (PatanoL, Pataday generics) (OTC)	

XIII. Renal and Genitourinary

Alpha-Blockers and Androgen Hormone Inhibitors for Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH)	Urinary Antispasmodics (Bladder Relaxants)
alfuzosin tamsulosin HCL dutasteride finasteride	fesoterodine ER Myrbetriq tab oxybutynin tab/syrup & ER solifenacin

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XIV. Respiratory/Allergy

Anaphylaxis Therapy Agents	Corticosteroids: Inhaled and Nasal Steroids
epinephrine 0.15 mg & 0.3 mg (authorized generic EpiPen & Epipen Jr)	Advair® Diskus & HFA
Epipen®	Arnuity™ Ellipta®
Epipen® Jr	Asmanex® Twisthaler & HFA
Antihistamines	azelastine/fluticasone nasal
First Generation	Breztri Aerosphere
Generic only class	budesonide respules
Second Generation	Dulera®
cetirizine liquid 1mg/1ml (OTC & Rx) & cetirizine tabs OTC	fluticasone Rx and OTC
levocetirizine tablets	Pulmicort Flexhaler®
loratadine tab/syrup OTC	QVAR Redihaler
	Symbicort®
Beta-Adrenergic Agents	**Immunomodulators, Asthma**
albuterol HFA (Proair)	Fasenra Pen
albuterol HFA (Proventil)	Fasenra Syringe
albuterol sulfate (premixed)	Tezspire Pen and Syringe
formoterol	Xolair Autoinjector
Serevent Diskus®	Xolair Syringe
Ventolin ® HFA	Xolair Vial
COPD	
Atrovent HFA®	**Intranasal Antihistamines**
Anoro® Ellipta®	azelastine 0.1%
Combivent® Respimat	**Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists**
ipratropium bromide soln	montelukast tab/chew tab
ipratropium/albuterol nebs	
roflumilast	
Spiriva®	
Spiriva® Respimat	
Stiolto® Respimat®	

XV. Smoking Cessation

bupropion SR	
Chantix®	
Chantix® DS PK	
nicotine gum/lozenge/patch	
varenicline	

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