

Braltus Zonda® Inhaler: A new brand of Tiotropium

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A new brand of Tiotropium has recently been launched - Braltus Zonda® – which is bioequivalent to the corresponding Spiriva Handihaler®. It has the same benefits as Spiriva Handihaler® in improving lung function & relieving symptoms in patients with COPD.

Braltus Zonda® is 23% lower in cost than the equivalent Spiriva Handihaler® and consideration should be given to switching clinically appropriate, adult COPD patients on Spiriva Handihaler® to the Braltus Zonda®. (Not licensed for children and adolescents).

The expected savings for EL CCG if 100% of patients are switched to Braltus Zonda® is £425,000 per annum and £180,000 per annum for BwD CCG

This switch involves a change in device only, and both the Handihaler and Zonda inhaler are very similar in style and required technique. It is important to note that the Braltus® capsules and Spiriva® capsules must only be used with their respective Zonda or Handihaler devices. **As such, it is now imperative that all tiotropium inhalers are prescribed by brand.**

Please note:

- Whilst Braltus® and Spiriva® have a different pre-metered dose (13 and 18mcg per capsule respectively), they provide the **same delivered dose** of 10mcg Tiotropium per capsule to the patient.
- Refills of capsules are not available for Braltus® as they are for Spiriva®. As such, patients will **receive a new Zonda inhaler each month.**

The Medicines Management Team will shortly be contacting practices for agreement to undertake a switch protocol, changing suitable patients from the Spiriva Handihaler® to the equivalent Braltus Zonda® inhaler.

Patients will be informed of the above switch by letter with a quick paper guide on how to use the new Braltus Zonda® inhaler. They will also be advised that if they require further information on using the new inhaler they can contact their community pharmacy.

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For further information, please contact the Medicines Management Teams on
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