



## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Veterans Health Administration

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Dear Veteran,

**Omeprazole** (Prilosec<sup>®</sup>) is a medicine that reduces stomach acid and is used for heartburn, ulcers, and certain other digestive diseases. It is now available as a generic product. Generic **omeprazole** is equivalent to Prilosec and very similar to drugs such as rabeprazole (Aciphex<sup>®</sup>) and lansoprazole (Prevacid<sup>®</sup>). Unless your doctor states otherwise, the VHA will now be providing **omeprazole** in place of the current acid-reducing agent you have been taking.

Please note:

- On your next refill, you may receive generic **omeprazole** in place of the acid-reducing medicine you have been taking.
- Follow all dosage instructions carefully, as the number of pills you need to take might change.
- If you have any of your current acid-reducing medicine left, you should finish them and then start taking **omeprazole**. Please DO NOT take both at the same time.
- Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions or problems with the change in medication.

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