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Dear Doctor,

Merck Canada Inc. would like to advise you of some important changes to PrSINEMET® 100/25 (100 mg levodopa and 25 mg carbidopa tablets, USP). Effective now, the changes include new color, shape, markings, non-medicinal ingredients and storage conditions. For a comparison of the previous and new tablets; please see Table 1 below.

Table 1
PrSINEMET® 100/25 Comparison of Tablet Appearance,
Non-Medicinal Ingredients and Storage Conditions

Tablet Strength	Previous Tablet Appearance	New Tablet Appearance
100 mg / 25 mg	 Yellow, oval, uncoated tablets, engraved "SINEMET" on one side and scored with "650" on the other	 Yellow, round, uncoated tablets, plain on one side and "650" on the other. The tablet is <u>not</u> scored.
	Previous Non-Medicinal Ingredients	New Non-Medicinal Ingredients
	corn starch, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinized starch, D & C yellow No. 10 and FD & C yellow No. 6.	crospovidone, hydroxypropylcellulose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinized starch, D&C yellow No. 10 Lake
	Previous Storage and Stability	New Storage and Stability
	Store your tablets at 15°C-30°C in a tightly closed container. Protect from sunlight.	Store your tablets at room temperature (15°C-30°C). Store in tightly closed container, protected from light and moisture.

The complete SINEMET® product monograph can be found at www.merck.ca.

If you have any questions related to SINEMET® or the changes to SINEMET® described in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Merck Customer Information Center at 1-800-567-2594.

Sincerely,

Harvey Lyman
 Product Manager – Mature Brands

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