



# November Formulary Update

## *Effective November 9, 2022*

### New Formulary Medications:

- a. erythromycin (ERYC) oral solid, delayed-release
- b. terbutaline (BRICANYL TURBUHALER) powder for inhalation

### Formulary Restricted Medication Amendments:

- a. linagliptin criteria revision:  
 FROM: combination treatment for type 2 diabetes mellitus: When insulin NPH is not an option AND after inadequate glycemic control on maximum tolerated doses of metformin AND a sulfonylurea  
 TO: combination treatment for type 2 diabetes mellitus: When insulin NPH is not an option AND after inadequate glycemic control on maximum tolerated doses of metformin AND a sulfonylurea  
**OR dual therapy of metformin and an insulin**

### Therapeutic Interchange Amendments:

- a. rapid acting insulin therapeutic interchange revised to include “any brand” to align with the provincial biosimilar insulin decision (see below)
  - insulin aspart (any brand) interchanged to insulin lispro (any brand) at the same number of units and frequency (for adults)
  - insulin glulisine (any brand) interchanged to insulin lispro (any brand) at the same number of units and frequency (for adults)
- b. saxagliptin-metformin (2.5 mg/850 mg) and sitagliptin-metformin (50 mg/850 mg) 0.5 tablet PO BID dosing be specifically noted in the therapeutic interchange to include appropriate metformin interchange dosing (see [NHA TIP list](#) for details)

### Excluded Medications:

- a. salbutamol (VENTOLIN DISKUS) powder for inhalation

**Provincial Health Authority Biosimilar Insulin Decision:** that all biosimilar insulin brands be considered therapeutically equivalent and interchangeable with their reference biologic insulin brands. These products will therefore NOT require addition to the provincial therapeutic interchange program or a new order/clarification to change between biosimilar and original brand of the same type of insulin.

Note: this decision applies to the health authority setting.

<b>November 9, 2022</b>  For the information of physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.  <b>PLEASE POST</b>	Formulary Changes	✓	<b>For further information contact:</b>  <i>Jessica Granberg</i> Medication Use Management Pharmacists <a href="mailto:mumpharmacist@northernhealt.ca">mumpharmacist@northernhealt.ca</a>
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