

Importation of U.S.-labelled Disopyramide Phosphate Capsule due to the current shortage of Canadian-labelled (Rythmodan) disopyramide phosphate capsules

Due to the shortage of Rythmodan 100 mg Capsule (disopyramide phosphate) (DIN 02224801) in Canada, Health Canada has allowed the temporary importation of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Canada Inc., **U.S.-labelled (U.S.) Disopyramide Phosphate 100 mg Capsule** from the United States. This medication has been added to Health Canada's List of Drugs for Exceptional Importation and Sale in Canada.

A temporary Product Identification Number has been assigned to the (U.S.) Disopyramide Phosphate 100 mg Capsule (PIN 09858365) effective as of July 7, 2025.

Additional information for pharmacists and other health care providers:

- The U.S.-labelled product has the **same** active ingredient, strength, indications, contraindications, warnings and precautions, adverse reactions, drug interactions, dosage and administration as the Canadian-authorized products; however, the U.S.-labelled product may taste or appear different than the Canadian-authorized products due to differences in non-medicinal ingredients.

Parameter	(U.S.-Labelled) Disopyramide Phosphate Capsule	(Canadian-Labelled) Rythmodan 100 mg Capsule
Capsule Description	Size #1 Capsule Opaque orange and orange color	Size #2 Capsule Opaque green and yellow color
Storage conditions	Storage conditions store at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F).	Protect from humidity

- The (U.S.) Disopyramide Phosphate Capsule product is labelled in English only. The U.S.-labelled product does not have a drug identification number (DIN) or a barcode that scans in medication management systems in Canada.
- Health care professionals are advised that aspects of the outer labels and packaging of the U.S.-labelled product may differ from marketed disopyramide products in Canada. **Proper selection of the intended product must be verified to avoid confusion with other products and prevent medication errors.**
- Information about U.S.-labelled Disopyramide Phosphate Capsules for health care professionals is available for reference in English at: <https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=3acbcef2-04ec-1ab1-b855-d1244b0e8006&audience=consumer>
- Please note, there is currently limited supply of U.S.-labelled **Disopyramide Phosphate Capsules** available on the Canadian market. It is therefore recommended supply be conserved for those indications where alternative options are not appropriate.

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Imported temporary benefit added to the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

To ensure coverage is provided for this product during the shortage for members of eligible government-sponsored drug programs, the **(U.S.) Disopyramide Phosphate Capsules (PIN 09858365)** will be considered as a temporary benefit for the ADBL.

As of **July 7, 2025**, all claims for this product will be adjudicated to the price of **\$1.4000 per capsule**.

Alberta Blue Cross® will continue to monitor the availability of shorted product(s) and potential alternatives, in addition to working with other provinces and territories, manufacturers and Health Canada to address this shortage and minimize the impact on Albertans.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

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