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Dear

Tacrolimus brand switch from Prograf® to Adoport®

We are writing to you because you are prescribed a brand of tacrolimus known as Prograf®, which is one of the medicines you take to prevent organ rejection. Tacrolimus should always be prescribed and dispensed by brand name, to help keep your tacrolimus levels steady.

Adoport® is an alternative brand of tacrolimus that has been available now for several years. We have reviewed the evidence as a team, and we are happy that Adoport® is just as good in every way as Prograf®. We have been using Adoport® as our standard brand of tacrolimus in the Scottish Liver Transplant Unit for all **new** transplant patients since August 2018, and have not had any issues or concerns during this time.

Adoport® is considerably cheaper than Prograf®, and switching our patients over to Adoport® will save the NHS a substantial amount of money, with no effect at all on the quality of your treatment. This money saved can then be reinvested into NHS services. Therefore we are now planning to switch the majority of our liver transplant patients to Adoport in a controlled and safe way.

We will only ask you to switch from Prograf® to Adoport® if you meet set criteria and after discussion with your transplant team. The transplant team will fully co-ordinate the switch and you will only require one additional set of blood tests from your GP. The switch will be discussed at your next clinic appointment where your consultant and transplant pharmacist will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. The included patient information sheet will describe this process for you in more detail.

It is important that we know exactly how much Prograf® you have left, as we don't want to waste this supply. **Please record how many capsules you have of each strength in the box below, and bring this letter with you to your appointment. Alternatively, you're welcome to bring in your full Prograf® supply with you to clinic if easier.**

Prograf® strength	Number of capsules left in each box	Date of check
0.5mg Capsules		
1mg Capsules		
5mg Capsules		

We look forward to discussing this further with you in clinic.

Yours sincerely,

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