



# THE TABLET

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*A big welcome to Fareeha Naqvi who is replacing Peta Dale for 12 months. Fareeha previously worked at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne. Please welcome her to PDH and Portland.*

**CAUTION:** PLEASE DO NOT WRITE "thrice" for medications required **THREE** times per day.

It can easily be confused with "twice".

**Please use the wording:**

**THREE TIMES A DAY**



More sound alike medications:

**Clopid (Clopidogrel)**

Platelet aggregation inhibitor

**Clomid (Clomiphene)**

Ovulation stimulant (not used at PDH)

**More examples of Compound Medications:**

Please ask the Dr to write these up as separate drugs on Patients' charts as we do not keep many compound medications in stock because of the high cost.

**Brand name: Co-Diovan** contains Valsartan and Hydrochlorothiazide

**Brand name: Galvumet** contains Vildagliptin and Metformin

The Pharmacy Department has to abide by Health Purchasing Victoria contract brands.

We buy the appropriate brand when needed so be aware that **brands of medications may change**. This means that tablets may now come loose in bottles rather than packets with foil slides and visa versa.

Check the **generic name of the drug** on the chart and the packet / bottle.

*Cheers from Pharmacy*

