

Premium Priced Generics
How to guide for identification and review

Background information

Premium priced generics (ghost branded generics) are costing the NHS an additional £11.6 million per year.

Premium priced generics are generic items prescribed with a manufacturer’s name attached. For example, *simvastatin 10mg tablets (Teva UK Limited)*, instead of *simvastatin 10mg tablets*. The community pharmacy must supply the manufacturer’s brand stated on the prescription which may be reimbursed at a significantly higher cost than the national Drug Tariff price.

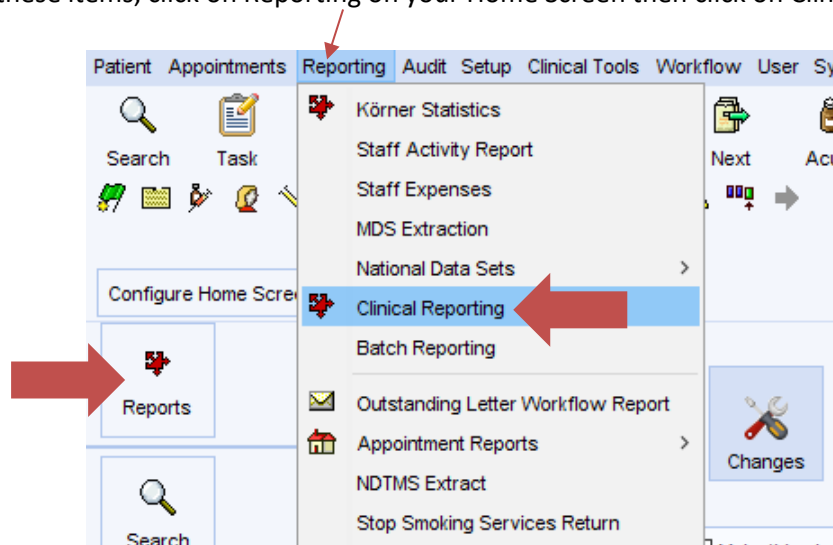
This was identified as a national issue on SystmOne clinical systems as the picking order of drugs was bringing up the premium generics at the top of the list. This has now been changed so should no longer be an issue for newly prescribed items. However, all previous medication prescribed, with a generic manufacturer specified, needs to be changed on your systems. This includes repeat templates and old acute medicines from the medication tab to prevent it being re-issued. Please note this only applies to generic medicines with a manufacturer attached, not branded medicines where the manufacturer will be specified on SystmOne.

Recommendation

Please ensure you identify these items on your systems and change them accordingly. The estimated savings for completing this across Mid Essex is approximately £150,000 annually.

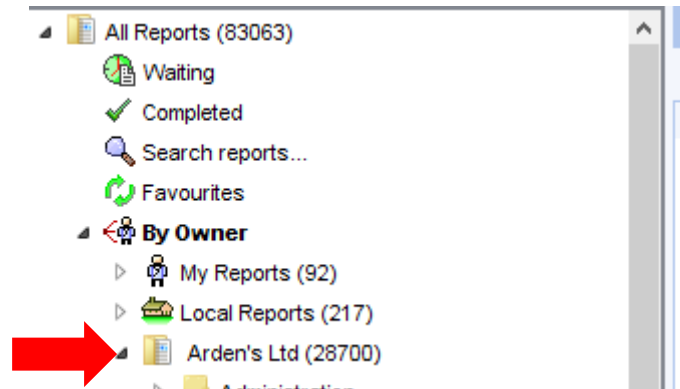
Process

To identify these items, click on Reporting on your Home Screen then click on Clinical Reporting.

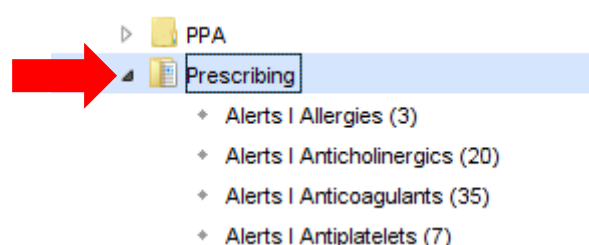


Alternatively click on the Reports icon on your Home Screen.

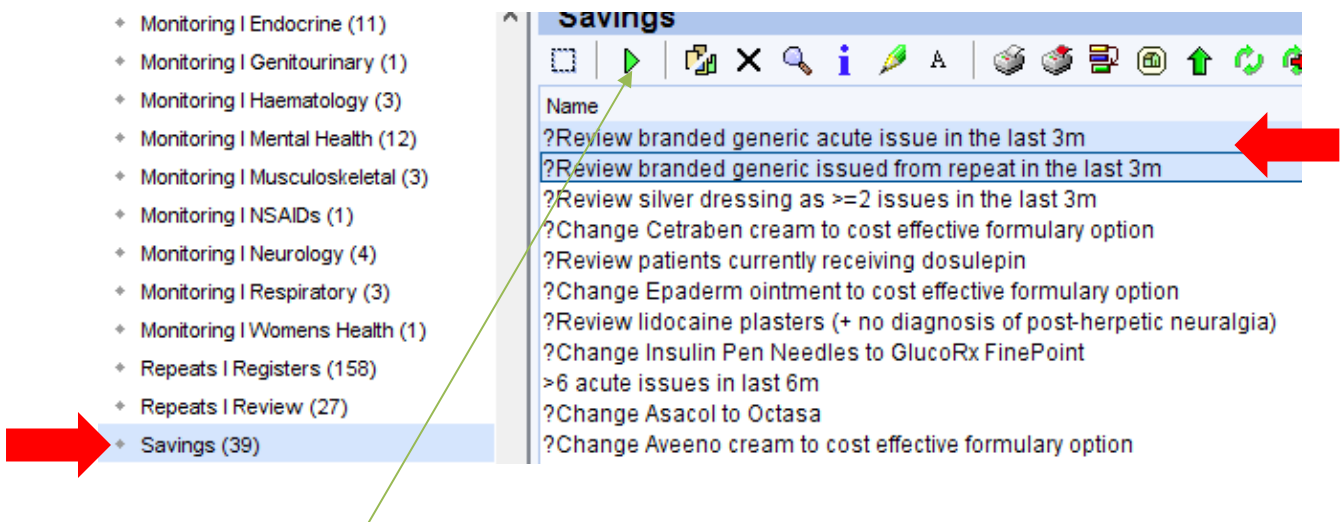
You will see the All Reports screen. Click on the arrow next to Arden's Ltd.



This opens the list of Arden's reporting tools. Scroll down and click on the arrow next to Prescribing.

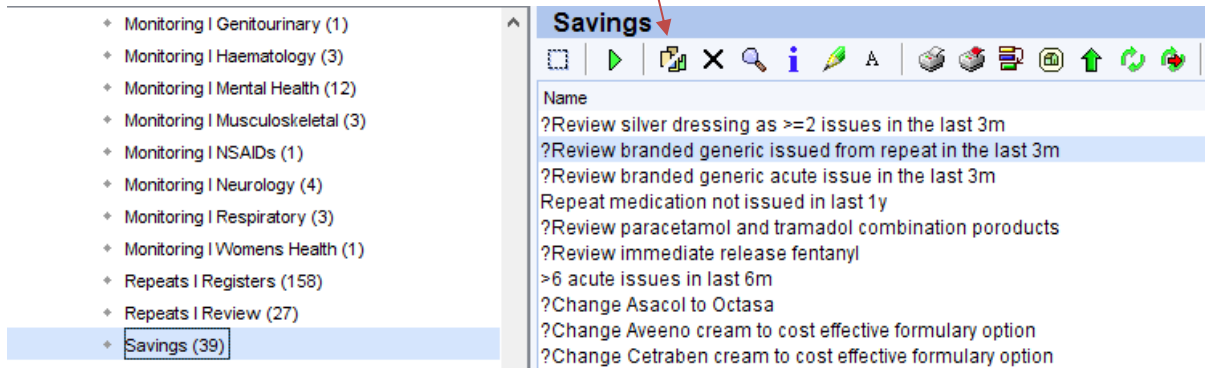


Scroll down further and click on section marked Savings – and two report options to Review branded generics issued in last 3 months.



Select the report to run and click on green arrow.

Then select the search you've just run and click here to breakdown the results.

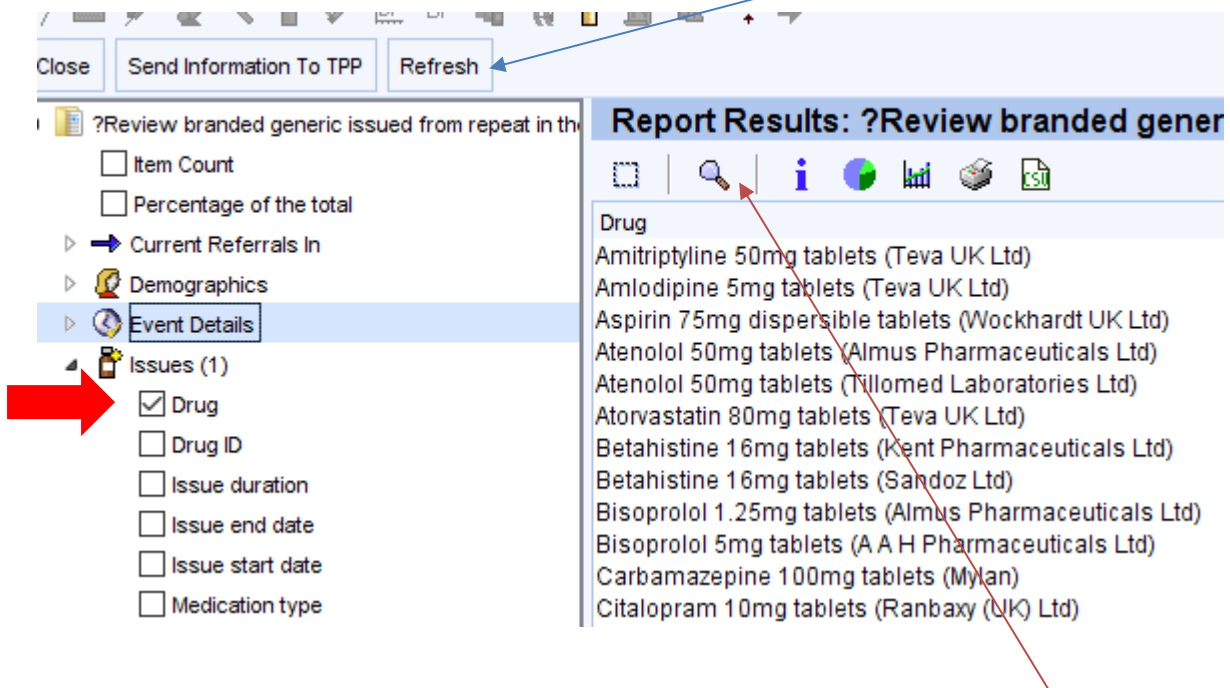


Savings

Name

- ?Review silver dressing as >=2 issues in the last 3m
- ?Review branded generic issued from repeat in the last 3m
- ?Review branded generic acute issue in the last 3m
- Repeat medication not issued in last 1y
- ?Review paracetamol and tramadol combination products
- ?Review immediate release fentanyl
- >6 acute issues in last 6m
- ?Change Asacol to Octasa
- ?Change Aveeno cream to cost effective formulary option
- ?Change Cetraben cream to cost effective formulary option

This opens the following screen – click on Issues and select Drug then click on Refresh.



Close Send Information To TPP Refresh

Report Results: ?Review branded gener

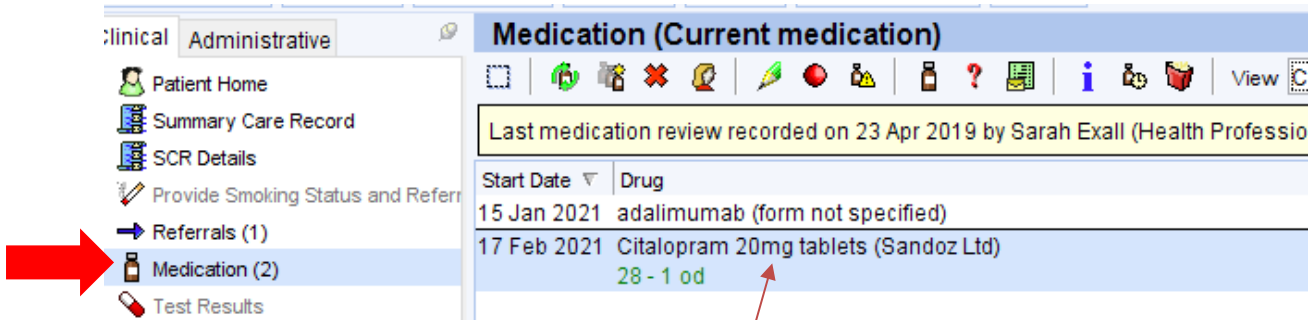
Drug

- Amitriptyline 50mg tablets (Teva UK Ltd)
- Amlodipine 5mg tablets (Teva UK Ltd)
- Aspirin 75mg dispersible tablets (Wockhardt UK Ltd)
- Atenolol 50mg tablets (Almus Pharmaceuticals Ltd)
- Atenolol 50mg tablets (Tillomed Laboratories Ltd)
- Atorvastatin 80mg tablets (Teva UK Ltd)
- Betahistine 16mg tablets (Kent Pharmaceuticals Ltd)
- Betahistine 16mg tablets (Sandoz Ltd)
- Bisoprolol 1.25mg tablets (Almus Pharmaceuticals Ltd)
- Bisoprolol 5mg tablets (A A H Pharmaceuticals Ltd)
- Carbamazepine 100mg tablets (Mylan)
- Citalopram 10mg tablets (Ranbaxy (UK) Ltd)

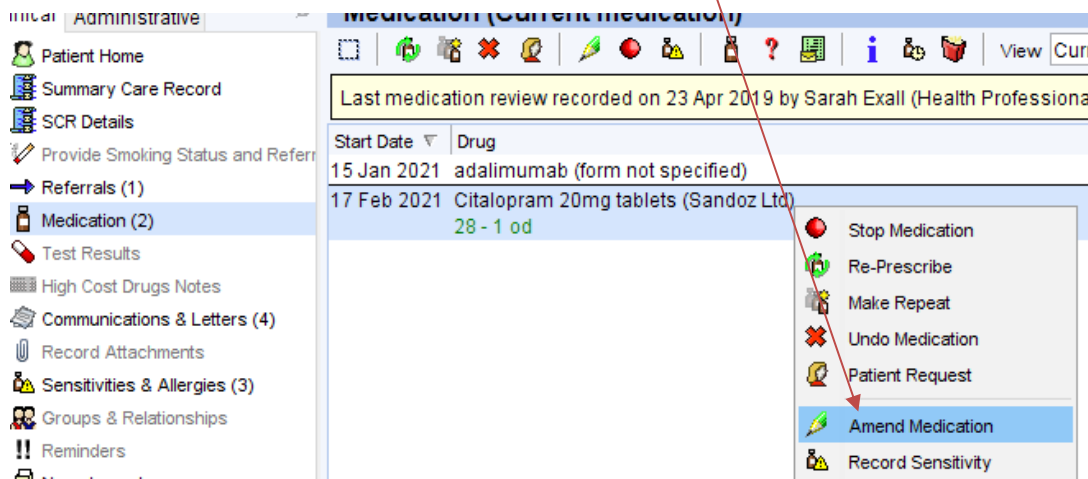
This will give you a list of all of the “Ghost Generics” prescribed – click to show the patients.

This will give you a list of the patients – this can either be downloaded as an Excel Spreadsheet or as a Word Document or you can double click / right click -> retrieve patient to open up individual patient records.

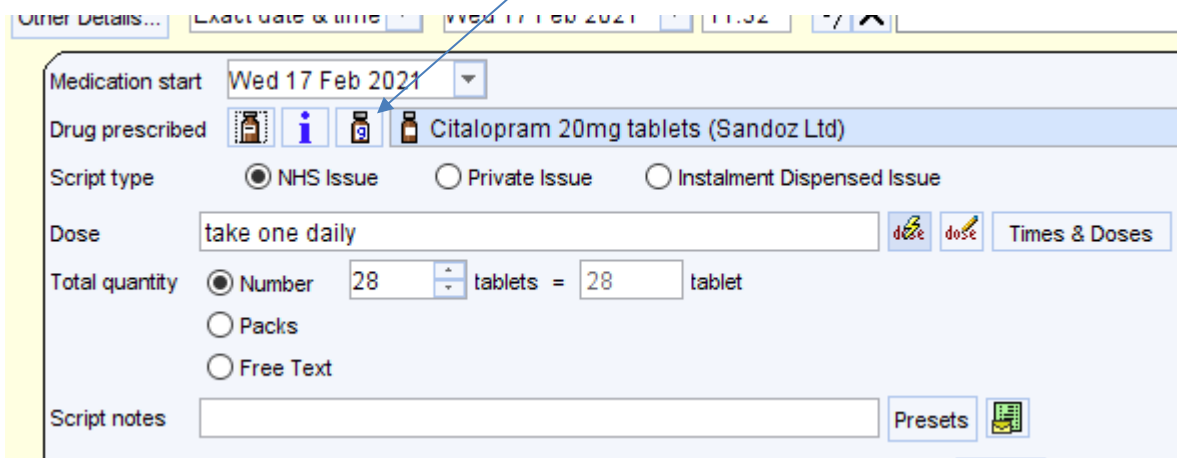
Click on Medication in the Clinical Tree and / or Repeat Medication and you will have a list on the medication the patient is taking.



Select the “ghost” generic from the list and right click to amend.



This will bring up the prescribing screen. Click here to amend .










And amend as appropriate.

Medication Details... Exact date & time Wed 17 Feb 2021 11:32

Medication start Wed 17 Feb 2021

Drug prescribed    Citalopram 20mg tablets

Script type NHS Issue Private Issue Instalment Dispensed Issue

Dose 1 Every Day   Times & Doses

Total quantity Number 28 tablets = 28 tablet
 Packs
 Free Text

If you require further assistance, please contact the Medicines Optimisation team at meccg.pimms@nhs.net.