



# Compliance Alert

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## **Express Scripts Formulary Update – Lamisil® Tablets** **Emerging Therapeutics**

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On July 2, 2007, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved AB-rated generics to Novartis' Lamisil (terbinafine) 250mg tablets. Currently, several manufacturers are supplying generic terbinafine tablets to the markets.

Now that generics to Lamisil tablets are established in the marketplace, Express Scripts will enact a procedure that will result in the removal of the brand Lamisil from Express Scripts formularies, replacing it with generic terbinafine products. This procedure is being enacted because Lamisil is marked with an '\*' on the formularies, indicating a potential conversion to non-formulary status with the availability of generics.

### ***Take-Away Points***

- Generic terbinafine tablets are AB-rated generics to Lamisil® tablets and are now available in the marketplace.
- The brand-name product, Lamisil tablets, will be converted to non-formulary status on October 1, 2007.
- This procedure is being enacted because Lamisil is marked with an '\*' on the formularies, indicating a potential for conversion to non-formulary status with the availability of generics.

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In addition to Lamisil, several other drugs are scheduled to lose patent protection in 2007. The drugs listed in the table below will also be designated as “non-formulary” when generics are established in the market. However, keep in mind that although a key drug patent expires, generic products are not always readily available. There are many issues that may delay their availability, including litigation, final approval from FDA, and additional patents and granted exclusivities.

Allegra-D® (fexofenadine/pseudoephedrine – sanofi-aventis)	Allergies	Expired#
Cognex® (tacrine – Sciele Pharma)	Alzheimer’s Disease	September 9, 2007
Colazal® (balsalazide disodium – Salix)	Ulcerative colitis	Expired#
Concerta® (methylphenidate, e.r. – McNeil PPC)	ADHD	Expired#
Coreg® (carvedilol – GlaxoSmithKline)	Blood pressure/CHF	September 5, 2007
Emadine® (emadastine – Alcon)	Ophth. Antiallergic	Expired#
Metadate CD® (methylphenidate e.r. – UCB)	ADHD	Expired#
Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo (norgestimate/EE – J&J)	Oral contraceptive	Litigation
Requip (ropinirol – GlaxoSmithKline)	Parkinson’s disease	December 7, 2007
Skelaxin (metaxalone – King)	Muscle Relaxant	Expired#

# Generics not yet available

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