

# Brand change: allopurinol tablets

*(Say al-lo-pew-ri-nol)*

Allopurinol is used to prevent gout, a type of arthritis that causes joint inflammation (swelling). It can also be used to prevent uric acid kidney stones and high uric acid levels after chemotherapy.

**From March 2024, the brand of allopurinol tablets will change from DP-Allopurinol to Ipca-Allopurinol.**

## How is Ipca-Allopurinol different?

Ipca-Allopurinol tablets look different. The 100 mg tablets are white to off white coloured and the 300 mg tablets are peach coloured.

However, the tablets have the same amount of active ingredient and work the same way.

## Don't stop taking your medicine


You may have gout attacks in the first few weeks or months of starting allopurinol. But it's important you keep taking this medicine as it prevents permanent (long-term) damage to your joints.

**Keep taking your allopurinol, even during a gout attack.** Suddenly stopping can make your gout worse.



## Allopurinol is a long-term medicine

Allopurinol doesn't treat gout attacks (flare-ups) – it helps to prevent them.

 When taken regularly, allopurinol can stop gout attacks.

For more information about allopurinol visit [www.healthify.nz/allopurinol](http://www.healthify.nz/allopurinol)

