



Changing from Viagra tablets to Levitra tablets

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Kaiser Permanente doctors have approved a change in medicines from Viagra (sildenafil) tablets to Levitra (vardenafil) tablets. Levitra and Viagra belong to the same family of medicines and work in the same way to treat erectile dysfunction.

Clinical studies have shown that Levitra and Viagra are similarly effective in relaxing muscles within the penis, which allows increased blood flow necessary to achieve and maintain an erection. Common side effects may include mild to moderate headache and flushing, which usually go away after a few hours.

You should not take Levitra or Viagra if you are also taking medicines called nitrates (e.g., nitroglycerin, isosorbide). Taking these medicines together may cause your blood pressure to drop to an unsafe level.

Tips to help you make a smooth transition

- Remember that Levitra and Viagra are the SAME type of medicine and should NOT be taken together.
- Finish your supply of Viagra first, and then start taking Levitra thereafter.
- Please read and follow the directions on your **new Levitra prescription label** carefully.

*Our pharmacists are here to help you get the most benefit from your medicines.
Please speak with a pharmacist if you have any questions about this change.*



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