



Veltassa® (patiomer) – Removal of Boxed Warning

- On November 28, 2016, [Galenica announced](#) updates to the drug label for [Veltassa \(patiomer\)](#) including removal of the boxed warning.
 - Previously, Veltassa carried a boxed warning regarding binding to other oral medications. The warning recommended administering other oral medications at least 6 hours before or 6 hours after Veltassa, and to choose Veltassa or the other oral medication if adequate dose separation was not possible.
- Veltassa is a potassium binder indicated for the treatment of hyperkalemia.
 - Veltassa should not be used as an emergency treatment for life-threatening hyperkalemia because of its delayed onset of action.
- In addition, the separation time between administration of Veltassa and other oral medications has changed from at least 6 hours to at least 3 hours. This information is detailed in the *Dosage and Administration* and *Drug Interactions* sections of the updated label.



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