



Merck (Pty) Ltd  
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**RE: 2018 Glucophage XR reimbursement status in Namibia**

Dear Valued Customer,

Please be informed that effective 01 September 2018, Methealth Namibia Administrators has removed the generic referencing of Glucophage XR from the standard Metformin tablet; therefore, Glucophage XR is not subject to generic reference pricing. This means Glucophage XR is reimbursed in full and should not attract a co-payment.

Glucophage XR is the extended release formulation of the original metformin. Glucophage XR offers convenient ONCE DAILY dosing and improved GI TOLERABILITY. This results in improved patient management and adherence.

PROPRIETARY NAME	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	UNIT	PACK SIZE	NAMIBIA NAPPI CODES	SEP excl. VAT
Glucophage XR	Metformin Hydrochloride	500 mg	90	710196001	R 70.82
Glucophage XR	Metformin Hydrochloride	1000 mg	60	720926002	R 95.03

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Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Reference: 1. Merck Data on file.

**NS2 GLUCOPHAGE® XR 500 mg Prolonged Release Tablet.** Each tablet contains 500 mg metformin hydrochloride. Reg. No.: 08/21.2/0201

**NS2 GLUCOPHAGE® XR 1000 mg Prolonged Release Tablet.** Each tablet contains 1000 mg metformin hydrochloride. Reg. No.: 15/21.2/0137

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