

Health Awareness



Safely Switching Medicine

(NAPSA)—Thousands of Americans switch medicines throughout the year—whether it's switching from a brand-name drug to a generic version, or from one brand-name drug to a different one that's meant to have the same effect.

However, before you switch medicines, it's important to talk to your doctor and to remember these tips:

- Many factors affect your body's ability to benefit from a specific medicine. Discuss this



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with your doctor whenever you are getting a new prescription of any kind.

- Keep in mind that similar medicines may work differently in your body and switching could even be dangerous. Pay close attention to any reaction whenever you are taking a new medicine and notify your doctor immediately if you have side effects or changes in your health.

- If you and your doctor decide to switch medicines, be sure to follow up regularly to make sure your new medicine is working for you.

For more tips, visit the Web site www.RetireSafe.org.