

Canadian study OKs Losec and Nexium

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Health Canada has completed a review of safety information for Losec (omeprazole) and Nexium (esomeprazole) and found no increased cardiovascular risks.

Both prescription drugs are used to treat conditions in which a reduction of gastric acid secretion is required, such as ulcers and reflux.

In Canada, omeprazole is also sold in generic form as Apo-omeprazole, Ratio-omeprazole and Sandoz-omeprazole. Esomeprazole is only sold under the trade name Nexium.

Based on its review, Health Canada scientists said they found no evidence supporting an increased cardiovascular risk associated with the long-term use of either drug.

Officials advised patients taking either Losec or Nexium to not make any changes to their medication unless they first discuss it with their physicians.

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