

Sample Patient letter A – xxxsartan to ACEI

Dear Patient,

We have recently been reviewing our prescribing of **xxxartan** – which is used to reduce blood pressure. Our records show you are currently taking this medication.

There is another medicine called **Ramipril/Lisinopril**, which works in a similar way to reduce blood pressure. **Ramipril/Lisinopril** is recommended as first line therapy and is a cost effective alternative to **xxxartan**.

Surrey Primary Care Trust (PCT) have asked local GPs to see which of their patients might be able to switch to **Ramipril/Lisinopril** with just as good a result of treatment.

We are comfortable to agreeing to the PCT's proposal because we believe the treatment will be just as effective for you and you may be assured of our continued best medical attention. We hope that you agree that we use NHS resources as efficiently as possible without compromising patient care, so we would ask that you try **Ramipril/Lisinopril** when your next repeat prescription becomes due.

- **You do not need to take any action – your repeat prescription will be up-dated automatically.**

Please make an appointment to have a blood test two weeks after starting your new medication. You will also need to have your blood pressure checked four weeks after starting this medication. We will continue to monitor your blood pressure as usual in order to confirm that it is at least as good, if not better, on **Ramipril/Lisinopril**.

If you have further questions or concerns about this please contact the surgery.

Yours sincerely

Dr **XXXX** & Partners