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Odan Laboratories is pleased to announce the launch of a brand new product:

## ODAN POLYSACCHARIDE Iron Complex 150

Format	McKesson	K&F	PJC	Procurity	VDM	Nu-Quest
30 capsules	076403	151386	758792	211842	913525	POLY112ODA
100 capsules	076404	151371	758794	215503	913657	POLY113ODA

**Odan Polysaccharide Iron Complex 150\***, containing 150 mg of elemental iron, is indicated for the treatment of iron deficient anemia.

### GENERIC EQUIVALENT TO FERAMAX 150†

To order, please contact your wholesaler or contact Odan directly by phone at 1-800-387-9342 or by e-mail at [info@odanlab.com](mailto:info@odanlab.com).



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Lower Cost Generic Alternative to Tegretol®<sup>1</sup>

### P<sup>®</sup>Taro-Carbamazepine

Carbamazepine Tablets 200mg

- Bioequivalent to Tegretol®<sup>1</sup>
- High Quality, Lower Price Alternative
- Anticonvulsant; Symptomatic Relief of Trigeminal Neuralgia; Antimanic<sup>2</sup>

Form	Strength	DIN	Size	UPC	Wholesaler			
					McKesson	K&F	Procurity	McMahon
Tablet	200 mg	02407515	100	063691071664	071730	147882	269948	10071282
			500	063691072671	063139	147883	279226	10071281

For further information, or to place an order for **Taro-Carbamazepine 200 mg Tablets**, please contact your Taro Representative, your wholesaler, our Customer Service department at **1-800-268-1975**, or visit our Website at [www.taro.ca](http://www.taro.ca).

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<sup>2</sup>P<sup>®</sup>Taro-Carbamazepine Product Monograph.

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## FROM THE NEWSWIRE

**OTTAWA:** Cases of measles have been reported in Canada. Measles is relatively rare in Canada thanks to high immunization rates across the country. However, Canada will continue to see measles cases related to travel to countries where measles is endemic or there are large outbreaks. Additionally, the United States is reporting a multi-state outbreak of measles related to an amusement park in California, which started in December 2014. Related cases have since been reported in other states and in Mexico.

**OTTAWA:** Two unauthorized health products that may pose serious health risks were removed from sale by Health Canada. These products, "MRM DHEA" and "Altimate Fat Burner Maximum Burn" were being sold by Nature's Source, Unit #7, 2943 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, Ontario.

**OAKVILLE, ON:** On behalf of Health Minister Rona Ambrose, Transport Minister Lisa Raitt and Oakville Member of Parliament Terence Young launched the Drug and Health Product Register, a new web tool designed to provide Canadians with easy access to consumer-friendly information on medicines and vaccines in order to better ensure the health and safety of themselves and their families.

**OTTAWA:** In Canada, honey is the only food which has been linked to infant botulism – a rare but serious illness that is caused by ingesting the bacterium *C. botulinum*. In the majority of cases of infant botulism, the source of *C. botulinum* is never determined, but because honey has been linked to cases of infant botulism, parents are advised not to feed honey to infants less than one year of age.



**Taro-Docusate**

Docusate Sodium Capsules 100mg

Taro Pharmaceuticals is pleased to announce that Taro-Docusate 100mg capsules, as always is available for immediate shipping.

- Listed in most Provincial Formularies
- Same Size, Shape and Colour as Soflax®<sup>1</sup>
- Stool Softener

Capsules 100mg

DIN	Size	UPC	Wholesaler			
			Mckesson	K&F	Procurity	McMahon
00716731						
	100	063691069930	012028	120028	269956	26612401
	1000	063691069947	012029	120029	270350	26586301

For more information, or to place an order for **Taro-Docusate**, please contact your Taro Representative, your wholesaler, our Customer Service department at **1-800-268-1975** or visit our Website at **www.taro.ca**.

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**VANCOUVER:** The Honourable Rona Ambrose, Federal Minister of Health was joined by Wai Young, Member of Parliament for Vancouver South to announce that the Government of Canada is advancing regulations that will require manufacturers to publicly report drug shortages in order for Canadians to better plan for their health and safety. By providing advanced warning of upcoming shortages, Canadians will be able to better proactively work with their healthcare professionals to find alternative options.

**OTTAWA:** A new warning has been added to the Canadian prescribing information for the skin-cancer drug Zelboraf (vemurafenib) advising of the risk of pancreatitis. Zelboraf is used in adults to treat a type of skin cancer (melanoma with a mutation in a specific gene) that either cannot be removed by surgery, or has spread to other parts of the body. It works by targeting proteins made from a gene called BRAF that has mutated. Zelboraf slows down or stops the growth of cancer cells.

**ST. ALBERT, AB:** The Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, was joined by Crista Osualdini, Provincial Board Member, Heart and Stroke Foundation in St. Albert, Alberta has provided an update on the National Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) initiative. Through this initiative, over 1,300 AEDs have been installed in recreational arenas across the country to date, and almost 11,000 people have been trained on how to properly use them. The goal is to have 2,000 of these life saving devices installed in recreational hockey arenas across the country by the end of the program in March 2016, and we are already halfway there.

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