



Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration

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Dear Veteran

The Department of Veterans Affairs would like to inform you that your tegaserod (Zelnorm®) is no longer available. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) took this action because the patients taking tegaserod had more heart attacks, chest pain and strokes.

You may be taking this medication for irritable bowel syndrome, constipation or some other digestive problem.

For some patients, tegaserod has been very beneficial. Perhaps, in the future, tegaserod will be available again. At this time, we do not know when that might occur, if at all. We recommend that you stop taking tegaserod at this time AND discuss other treatment options with your provider.

Sincerely,