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Because you are a valuable member of Transplant Experience, Astellas Transplant wants to ensure you have access to the Prograf Value Card to help you cover the cost of your Prograf prescriptions. The Prograf Value Card could save you up to \$100 on each of your next 12 Prograf prescriptions.*



CLICK HERE to get your FREE Prograf Value Card—good for up to \$1,200 in savings!*

*Subject to eligibility. Restrictions may apply.

The image shows a Prograf Value Card with fields for name, address, phone, and ID. The card is blue and white with the Prograf logo and 'astellas TRANSPLANT' branding.

It is important that you speak with your transplant team about which immunosuppressant medication is right for you. If you and your transplant team have determined that brand name Prograf is the right medication for you, it is important that you receive brand name Prograf. The National Patient Safety Foundation® (NPSF) recommends double-checking that “you are taking the right dose of the right drug, at the right time, in the correct way.”¹ Remember, making sure you take your medication consistently can help to assure the success of your transplant by helping to protect against rejection.

IF YOUR TRANSPLANT TEAM WANTS YOU TO TAKE PROGRAF, MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE PROGRAF® (tacrolimus capsules)

Always Check Your Medication

- Open the container before you leave the pharmacy or as soon as you get your mail-order shipment
- Compare the capsules you have just received to what you are currently taking to be sure they are consistent
- Prograf comes in different strengths—make sure that you have received Prograf in the strength(s) prescribed for you
- Match the shape, color, writing, and dosage strength against what you are used to



Call your doctor immediately if your capsules look different. Taking a medication other than what was intended for you may increase your risk for rejection or cause serious side effects.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAF®

Prograf® (tacrolimus capsules) is approved for the prevention of organ rejection in patients who have received a liver, kidney, or heart transplant. Only physicians and facilities specializing in transplantation should manage patients taking Prograf. Anti-rejection medications may increase the possibility of developing an infection or lymphoma, a type of cancer.

Before starting Prograf, tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to have a baby, or breastfeeding. Since some medicines can affect your body's ability to use Prograf, tell your doctor whenever you receive a new medicine, including any over-the-counter medicines or herbal supplements. Do not eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice in combination with Prograf.

In clinical studies, up to 22% of patients taking Prograf developed insulin dependent diabetes, but in some patients, after 2 years, insulin was no longer required. Black and Hispanic kidney transplant patients were at an increased risk. Early signs of diabetes include frequent thirst or urination, blurred vision, or confusion. You should tell your doctor if you experience any of these.

Prograf has been associated with toxicity to the kidneys and nervous system. Common side effects are tremor, headache, high blood pressure, diarrhea, nausea, constipation, stomach pain, changes in kidney function, diabetes, low white cell count, infection, and high cholesterol/lipid levels.

Prograf should not be used in patients allergic to tacrolimus. Take Prograf exactly as your doctor tells you to. Take it before or after you eat at the same time each day. Only your healthcare professional can weigh the risks and benefits of a prescription medication and decide which medication is the right one for you.

[Click here for full prescribing information.](#)



Reference: 1. Pharmacy safety and service—what you should expect: a consumer fact sheet. National Patient Safety Foundation website. <http://www.npsf.org/download/PharmacySafety.pdf>. Published 2003. Accessed July 7, 2009.

For further assistance, please visit TransplantExperience.com or call 1-800-510-6990.