



Beware of counterfeits



How can I protect myself against counterfeit products? Patients should only purchase medicines from suppliers whom they would trust with their health!

Patients should **not** trust suppliers who break the law, for example,

- by marketing drug products in contravention of legal regulations, in particular outside of the legal retail channels,
- by marketing purported generic products that infringe intellectual property rights (for example, marketing generic vardenafil that is allegedly qualitatively comparable with Levitra® in Europe).

- For this reason:**
- **Avoid** purchasing pharmacy-only medicinal products from private individuals, whether via the Internet, from acquaintances who bring back apparently genuine products from abroad or in establishments such as discos, body-building studios or the red light district.
 - **Avoid** offers for prescription-only drug products that circumvent the regulations on presentation of a doctor's prescription.
 - **Avoid** products in packaging that is incomplete or not correctly configured for retail in Germany. In cases of doubt, consult your physician or pharmacist.
 - Check the reputation of **Internet pharmacies** at www.dimdi.de before purchasing drug products online.
 - Prepare any medication you may need on vacation before **trips abroad**.

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