

# APOTEX BULLETIN

## From Canada to the Caribbean!

*Dear Caribbean Partners,*

*We hope that our Summer 2021 Apotex Bulletin, From Canada to the Caribbean, finds you and your families, colleagues, customers and patients healthy, safe and well. This edition provides updates on Caribbean events, new products available through Apotex, new materials and resources, and keeps you informed of Apotex news.*



Credit: AFP

### St. Vincent Volcano

In April, St. Vincent's La Soufrière volcano began a sustained eruption that has displaced thousands of people and continues to greatly impact daily life on the island. Apotex quickly collaborated with Pamela Townsend, Executive Director of the Caribbean Association of Pharmacists, to identify the most urgently needed medicines and prepare a donation shipment of pharmaceuticals to support the population. We recognize the resilience of St. Vincent as the recovery efforts continue.



### CAP 2021 41st Annual Convention

The Caribbean Association of Pharmacists in collaboration with the Bahamas Pharmaceutical Association presents the 41st Annual Convention from August 8 to 14 at Atlantis Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas. "Pharmacy Practice: Exploring New Horizons in a Changing World" is a hybrid event, welcoming both live and virtual participants. Apotex continues to support the CAP conference as the Educational Partner, and this year will be a Platinum Sponsor for the entire event. We are also proud to bring you the Caribbean Pharmacist of the Year award. We thank everyone who visits our booth to obtain more information about Apotex and our expanded portfolio. Yvette Ferguson from Nassau Agency will answer any questions.



## Oral Contraceptives

We are pleased to introduce our Oral Contraceptive portfolio. The following products are available:

APOTEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	BRAND REFERENCE
AlySena®	levonorgestrel 0.100 mg and ethinyl estradiol 0.020 mg	Alesse®
Mirvala®	desogestrel 0.150 mg and ethinyl estradiol 0.030 mg	Marvelon®
MYA®	drospirenone 3 mg and ethinyl estradiol 0.02 mg	YAZ®
OVIMA®	levonorgestrel 0.150 mg and ethinyl estradiol 0.030 mg	Min-Ovral®
Tricira Lo®	norgestimate 0.180/0.215/0.250 mg and ethinyl estradiol 0.025 mg	Tri-Cyclen Lo®
Tri-Cira™	norgestimate 0.180/0.215/0.250 mg and ethinyl estradiol 0.035 mg	Tri-Cyclen®
Zamine®	drospirenone 3 mg and ethinyl estradiol 0.03 mg	Yasmin®
BACKUP PLAN ONESTEP® (emergency contraception)	levonorgestrel 1.5 mg	Plan B®



The oral contraceptive detail aid is available by clicking [here](#).

## Truly Canadian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

As a Canadian company, Apotex products and facilities are subject to rigorous regulatory standards. During Health Canada's thorough drug review process, generic products are examined for their adherence to high standards of bioequivalence, quality, labelling and risk mitigation. Apotex's broad product portfolio is testament to our dedication to meeting these standards and our commitment to delivering high quality products to our partners, customers and patients.

From time to time, we hear of companies selling pharmaceuticals in the Caribbean who have some affiliation with Canada (such as an office or mailing address), but they do not have approval to sell any of their drug products in Canada. Products that have achieved regulatory approval in Canada can be identified using the following publicly available resources:

### 1. Health Canada's Notice of Compliance Index

When Health Canada approves a product, a Drug Identification Number (DIN) or Natural Product Number (NPN) is assigned which must be printed on the package. A market authorization is issued (Notice of Compliance) where appropriate and the product is added to a searchable online index covering product approvals since 1994, available at this link: <https://health-products.canada.ca/noc-ac/index-eng.jsp>

### 2. Health Canada's Drug Product Database

Approved products are also added to Health Canada's Drug Product Database, where commercialization status and approved product monographs are available. This database can be found through the following link: <https://health-products.canada.ca/dpd-bdpp/index-eng.jsp>

We encourage you to make use of these resources.

## Apotex360

The Apotex360 platform continues to make waves in the Caribbean! As part of our commitment to continually improving user experience, we are pleased to introduce the following new features and additions:

- New Smart Search feature including Auto-Complete and Corrective Search

o Click to [link to Smart Search email](#)

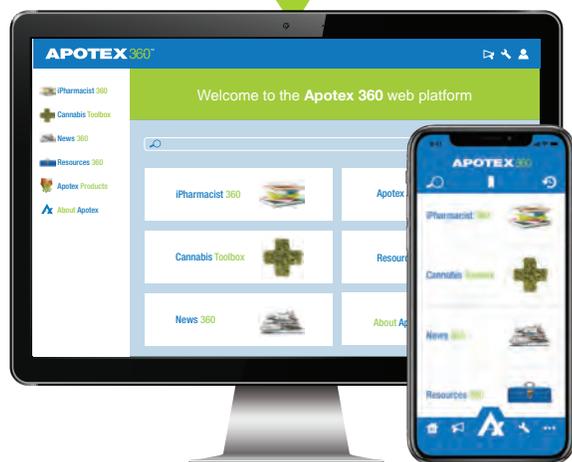


### Apotex 360 continued

- On boarding screens added for new users within program to highlight the information available in program. These can be accessed anytime by going to the help section of the Apotex 360 platform.
- Oral Contraceptive Reference Tool added to Resources module in the Apotex Product information category

Stay up to date when new features and resources are added to Apotex 360 by turning on “in app notifications”. By doing this, users receive alerts and messages when new items such as product detail aids and a Caribbean Product Catalogue are added to the platform. Watch for these new resources, coming soon!

**NOW AVAILABLE FOR  
CARIBBEAN PHARMACISTS**



Visit [www.apotex360.ca](http://www.apotex360.ca)  
to learn more

### Recent New Product Launches in the Caribbean

The following new products are now available for our Caribbean customers:

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	PACK SIZE(S)
APO-ABIRATERONE 250 MG TABS	60 BLS
APO-ABIRATERONE 500 MG TABS	60 BLS
APO-PERINDOPRIL-INDAPAMIDE 4/1.25 MG TABS	30 BLS
APO-PERINDOPRIL-INDAPAMIDE 8/2.5 MG TABS	100 BTL
APO-NADOLOL 80 MG TABS	100 BTL
APO-NADOLOL 160 MG TABS	100 BTL
APO-SAXAGLIPTIN 2.5 MG TABS	30 BLS
APO-SAXAGLIPTIN 5 MG TABS	30 BLS
APO-RISEDRONATE DR 35 MG TABS	30 BTL
APO-RISEDRONATE DR 35 MG TABS	4 BLS

Contact International Customer Service for further information.

### Launch Announcements and Communications

New Product Launches and Product Re-introductions are now announced to our Caribbean distributors via email. Click here for a link to the latest New Product Launch Detail Aid

#### [Apo-Risedronate DR](#)

