

**New Zealand  
Pharmaceutical Schedule**

**UPDATE**

**Effective 1 May 2003**



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# Summary of PHARMAC decisions

EFFECTIVE 1 MAY 2003

## **New listing (page 15)**

- Glyceryl trinitrate oral pump spray 400 mcg per dose (Nitrolingual Pumpspray) 250 dose OP
- Citalopram hydrobromide tab 20 mg (Celapram) – Additional subsidy available by endorsement
- Econazole nitrate pessaries 150 mg with applicators (Pevaryl Ovules)

## **Changes to restrictions (pages 16-17)**

- Dipyridamole long acting capsules 150 mg (Persantin PL) and tablets 150 mg (Pytazen SR). Special Authority required to access subsidy
- Citalopram tablets 20 mg (Celapram and Cipramil) – subsidy by endorsement reduced to \$10.00 per 28 tablets

## **Changes to sole subsidised supply (page 8-14)**

- Refer to bold entries in the Sole Subsidised Supply table

## **Decreased subsidy (page 18-19)**

- Atorvastatin tab 10 mg, 20 mg and 40 mg (Lipitor)
- Fluphenazine decanoate inj 100 mg per ml, 1ml (Baxter and Modecate)

## **Increased subsidy (page 18-19)**

- Compound hydroxybenzoate solution (David Craig)

## **Citalopram tablets**

A new brand of citalopram tablets 20mg is listed on the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 May 2003. Celapram supplied by Pacific Pharmaceuticals will be listed at the current subsidy of \$1.58 per 28 tablets. Additional subsidy by endorsement to fully fund Celapram will be available for patients who fit the endorsement criteria outlined on page 17 of this Update.

Celapram is to be listed at an ex-manufacturer price of \$10.00 per 28 tablets. As a result of this listing the additional subsidy available by endorsement for citalopram tablets (Celapram and Cipramil) has been reduced to \$10.00 per 28 tablets. Thus patients prescribed and dispensed the Cipramil brand of citalopram, even with an endorsement, may be required to pay a manufacturer's surcharge from 1 May 2003.

## **Dipyridamole long-acting tablets and capsules 150 mg**

As a result of the 2001/2002 tender, from 1 May 2003 a current Special Authority approval will be necessary to access the subsidy to dipyridamole long-acting tablets (Pytazen SR) and capsules (Persantin PL) 150mg. Patients prescribed and dispensed Persantin PL may also incur a manufacturer's surcharge as the manufacturer price is higher than the level of subsidy. Persantin PL will be delisted from the Pharmaceutical Schedule 1 July 2003.

## **Delisting Condoms with spermicide**

Condoms with spermicide (Durex Extra Confidence, Lifestyles Spermicidal and Shield Gold) are to be delisted from the Pharmaceutical Schedule effective 1 November 2003. Until that time there will be no change to the subsidy for these products. Condoms without spermicide and condoms extra strength will continue to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Schedule for the foreseeable future.

## **Asthma Campaign - update**

### **Asthma Fundamentals training programme**

The Asthma Fundamentals training programme is now open for enrolment. This programme is subsidised as part of the Asthma Campaign for nurses, community workers and pharmacists. The programme is customised to specific health professional groups.

### **For further information:**

- nurses and community workers should contact the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation of New Zealand phone (04) 499 4592.
- pharmacists should contact the College of Pharmacists phone (04) 802 0030.


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All decisions related to news items are effective from 1 May unless otherwise indicated

## Asthma Campaign media promotion

A media campaign including press and radio advertising started on 12 April 2003. Additional patient resource kits were distributed to pharmacies and surgeries on 10 April 2003. Further patient resource kits can be ordered by completing the order form below and sending it to Atlantis Marketing Ltd.

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# order form

**TO:** Suzanne Goldsbury  
Atlantis Marketing Ltd  
PO Box 37012  
Parnell  
Auckland

**FROM:** *(please enter contact name)*

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**FAX:** 0800 222 240                      **DATE:**

**PHONE:** (09) 980 9829                      **PAGES:** 1

**RE:** Asthma Self Management and the Responsible Use of Inhaled Corticosteroids Awareness Campaign.

DEAR SUZANNE,  
I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ *(number)* ASTHMA SELF MANAGEMENT PACKS. PLEASE SEND THE PACKS TO:

**SURGERY OR NAME OF BUSINESS:**

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS:** *(ie. not PO Box)*

**CITY:**    **PHONE:**

**FAX:**    **EMAIL CONTACT:**

Atlantis Marketing Ltd, PO Box 37012, Parnell, Auckland, Phone: (09) 980 9829, Fax: 0800 222 240

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## Stat dispensing proposal

PHARMAC is currently consulting on a proposal to change the way many medicines are dispensed by pharmacies.

Under the proposal, about 70 percent of all subsidised dispensings could be picked up by the patient in one three-monthly lot. The remaining 30 percent would continue to be dispensed monthly. A proposed list of medicines that would be dispensed in one three-monthly lot was issued as part of the consultation process. Clinical advice was sought in the compilation of this list which excludes restricted and high cost medicines.

The consultation letter and proposed list of medicines to be dispensed in one three-monthly lot is available on our website [www.pharmac.govt.nz](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz) or by phoning PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50.

The PHARMAC Board is to consider the proposal at its May 2003 meeting and, if approved, the proposed change would be implemented on 1 July 2003.

## Looking forward

*This section is designed to alert both pharmacists and prescribers to possible future changes. It may assist pharmacists to manage stock levels and keep prescribers up-to-date with proposals to change the Pharmaceutical Schedule.*

### Proposals under consideration

The following areas of health care funding are currently under consideration. The PHARMAC Board will be reviewing these proposals, and the decisions taken will be published in future Updates. The dates represented below are the earliest date that these proposals may be implemented.

### Possible decisions for implementation 1 June 2003

- Fluticasone 250 mcg per dose (Flixotide metered dose inhaler, accuhaler and diskhaler) and budesonide 400 mcg per dose (Pulmicort Turbuhaler) – Special Authority
- Omeprazole cap 20 mg (Probitor) – new listing

### Possible decisions for implementation 1 July 2003

- Implementation of stat dispensing proposal

# Tender News

## Sole Subsidised Supply Changes

<b>Chemical Name</b>	<b>Presentation; Pack size</b>	<b>Sole Subsidised Supply brand (and supplier)</b>	<b>Date of Sole Subsidised Supply</b>	<b>Brands affected by reference pricing and delisting</b>
Amoxycillin clavulanate	Tab amoxycillin 500 mg with potassium clavulanate 125 mg; 20 tabs	Augmentin (GSK)	<b>1 June 2003</b>	Synermox
Amoxycillin clavulanate	Grans for oral liquid amoxycillin 125 mg with potassium clavulanate 31.25 mg per 5 ml; 100 ml	Augmentin (GSK)	<b>1 June 2003</b>	Synermox
Amoxycillin clavulanate	Grans for oral liquid amoxycillin 250 mg with potassium clavulanate 62.5 mg per 5 ml; 100 ml	Augmentin (GSK)	<b>1 June 2003</b>	Synermox
Clonazepam	500 µg tabs; 100 tabs	Paxam (Pacific)	<b>1 June 2003</b>	Rivotril
Clonazepam	2 mg tabs; 100 tabs	Paxam (Pacific)	<b>1 June 2003</b>	Rivotril
Fluphenazine Decanoate	Inj 12.5 mg per 0.5 ml; 5 inj	Modecate (Bristol-Meyer)	<b>1 June 2003</b>	Baxter
Fluphenazine Decanoate	Inj 25 mg per ml; 5 inj	Modecate (Bristol-Meyer)	<b>1 June 2003</b>	Baxter

## Sole Subsidised Supply Products – cumulative to May 2003

Generic Name	Presentation	Brand Name	Expiry Date*
Acipimox	Cap 250 mg	Olbetam	2004
Acitretin	Cap 10 mg & 25 mg	Neotigason	2004
Aciclovir	Tab 200 mg	Apo-Aciclovir	2003
	Tab 400 mg & 800 mg	Alpha-Aciclovir	
	Tab dispersible 200 mg, 400 mg & 800 mg	Acicvir	
Aqueous Cream	Cream	AFT	2005
Allopurinol	Tab 100 mg & 300 mg	Progout	2003
Amiloride	Oral liquid 1 mg per ml	Biomed	2005
Amiloride with hydrochlorothiazide	Tab 5 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 50 mg	Amizide	2003
Amitriptyline	Tab 10 mg	Amitrip	2005
	Tab 25 mg	Amitrip	
	Tab 50 mg	Amitrip	
Amoxicillin	Cap 250 mg & 500 mg	Ospamox	2003
	Grans for oral liq 125 mg per 5 ml & 250 mg per 5 ml	Ospamox	
	Inj 250 mg	Ibiamox	
	Inj 500 mg	Ibiamox	
	Inj 1 g	Ibiamox	
	Oral drops 125 mg per 1.25 ml	Ospamox Paediatric Drops	2005
Apomorphine hydrochloride	Inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml	Baxter	2005
Atenolol	Tab 50 mg & 100 mg	Loten	2003
Atropine sulphate	Inj 400 µg 1 ml	AstraZeneca	2005
	Inj 600 µg 1 ml	AstraZeneca	
	Inj 1200 µg 1 ml	AstraZeneca	
	Eye drops 0.5%	Atropt	
	Eye drops 1.0%	Atropt	
Baclofen	Tab 10 mg	Pacifen	2003
Beclomethasone dipropionate	Metered aqueous nasal spray, 50 µg per dose & 100 µg per dose	Alanase	2003
		Aqueous	
Betahistine dihydrochloride	Tab 16 mg	Vergo	2003
Betamethasone valerate	Oint 0.1%, 30 g & 100 g	Beta Ointment	2005
	Crn 0.1%, 30 g & 100 g	Beta Cream	
Betaxolol hydrochloride	Eye drops 0.5%	Apo-Betaxolol	2004
Bezafibrate	Tab 200 mg	Fibalip	2005
Bisacodyl	Suppos 10 mg	Fleet	2004
Bromocriptine mesylate	Tab 2.5 mg	Alpha-Bromocriptine	2005
	Tab 10 mg	Alpha-Bromocriptine	
Budesonide	Metered aqueous nasal spray, 50 µg per dose & 100 µg per dose	Butacort	2003
		Aqueous	
Buspirone hydrochloride	Tab 5 mg	Pacific Buspirone	2004
	Tab 10 mg	Pacific Buspirone	
Captopril	Tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg b& 50 mg	Captohexal	2004

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Generic Name	Presentation	Brand Name	Expiry Date*
Cefaclor monohydrate	Cap 250 mg	Clorotir	2004
	Grans for oral liq 125 mg per 5 ml	Clorotir	
Cefamandole nafate	Inj 1 g	Mandol	2005
Ceftriaxone sodium	Inj 500 mg	Novartis	2005
	Inj 1 g	Novartis	
Cefuroxime sodium	Inj 750 mg	Zinacef	2005
Celiprolol	Tab 200 mg	Celol	2004
Cephalexin monohydrate	Tab 500 mg	Keflex	2005
	Cap 250 mg	Keflex	
	Grans for oral liquid 125 mg per 5 ml	Keflex	
	Grans for oral liquid 250 mg per 5 ml	Keflex	
Cephazolin sodium	Inj 500 mg	Novartis	2005
	Inj 1 g	Novartis	
Cetirizine hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg	Razene	2005
Charcoal	50 g per 300 ml oral liquids	Carbosorb	2005
Clomipramine hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg	Clopress	2005
Chloramphenicol	Eye drops 0.5%	Chlorsig	2005
	Eye oint 1%	Chlorsig	
Chlorothiazide	Oral liq 50 mg per ml	Biomed	2005
<b>Ciprofloxacin</b>	<b>Tab 250 mg</b> <b>Tab 500 mg</b> <b>Tab 750 mg</b>	<b>Cipflox</b> <b>Cipflox</b> <b>Cipflox</b>	<b>2005</b>
Clindamycin hydrochloride	Cap 150 mg	Dalacin C	2005
Clindamycin phosphate	Inj 150 mg per ml	Dalacin C	2005
Clobetasol propionate	Crn 0.05%	Dermol	2003
	Oint 0.05%	Dermol	
	Scalp app 0.05%	Dermol	
Clomipramine hydrochloride	Tab 25 mg	Clopress	2003
Clonidine	Tab 150 µg	Catapres	2005
Clonidine hydrochloride	Tab 25 µg	Dixarit	2005
Clotrimazole	Vaginal crm 1% with applicators	Clocreme	2004
	Vaginal crm 2% with applicators	Clotrimaderm 2%	
	Pessaries 100 mg with applicator	Clotrihexal	
	Pessary 500 mg with applicator	Clotrihexal	
	Crn 1%	Clocreme	
Colestipol hydrochloride	Sachets 5 g	Colestid	2004
Co-Trimoxazole	Tab Trimethoprim 80 mg and sulphamethoxazole 400 mg	Trisul	2005
	Oral liq sugar-free trimethoprim 40 mg and sulphamethoxazole 200 mg per 5 ml	Trisul	
Cyclizine lactate	Inj 50 mg per ml, 1 ml	Valoid	2004
Cyclophosphamide	Tab 50 mg	Cycloblastin	2005
Cyproterone acetate	Tab 50 mg	Siterone	2003
Cyproterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol	Tab 2 mg with ethinyloestradiol 35 µg and 7 inert tabs	Estelle 35	2004

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Generic Name	Presentation	Brand Name	Expiry Date*
Danazol	Cap 100 mg	D-Zol	2005
	Cap 200 mg	D-Zol	
Danthron with poloxamer	Oral liq 25 mg with poloxamer 200 mg per 5 ml	Conthram	2004
	Oral liq 75 mg with poloxamer 1g per 5 ml	Conthram Forte	
Desferrioxamine mesylate	Inj 500 mg per 10 ml vial	Desferal	2004
Dexamethasone	Oral liq 1 mg per ml	Biomed	2005
Diaphragm	Range of sizes	Ortho All-flex, Ortho Coil	2005
Diazepam	Tab 5 mg & 10 mg	Pro-Pam	2003
Dicyclomine hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg	Merbentyl	2005
Diphenoxylate hydrochloride with atropine sulphate	Tab 2.5 mg with 25 µg atropine sulphate	Diastop	2005
Diltiazem hydrochloride	Tab 30 mg & 60 mg	Dilzem	2004
	Cap long-acting 120 mg	Dilzem SR	
Docusate sodium	Tab 50 mg	Coloxyl	2005
	Tab 120 mg	Coloxyl	
	Oral drops 10%	Coloxyl Oral Drops	
	Enema conc 18%	Coloxyl	
Docusate sodium with bisacodyl	Suppository 100 mg with bisacodyl 10 mg	Coloxyl	2005
Docusate sodium with sennosides	Tab 50 mg with total sennosides 8 mg	Laxsol	2004
Doxazosin mesylate	Tab 2 mg & 4 mg	Dosan	2004
Doxycycline hydrochloride	Tab 100 mg	Doxine	2003
Emulsifying Ointment BP	Ointment	AFT	2005
Ergometrine maleate	Inj 500 µg per ml, 1 ml	Baxter	2005
Erythromycin estolate	Tab 500 mg	Eromycin	2004
Erythromycin ethyl succinate	Grans for oral liquid 200 mg per 5 ml	E-Mycin	2005
	Grans for oral liquid 400 mg per 5 ml	E-Mycin	
	Tab 400 mg	E-Mycin	
Ethynodiol diacetate	Tab 500 µg	Femulen	2005
Etidronate disodium	Tab 200 mg	Etidrate	2003
Etoposide	Cap 50 mg & 100 mg	Vepesid	2004
Flucloxacillin sodium	Cap 250 mg & 500 mg	Staphlex	2003
	Inj 250 mg, 500 mg & 1 g	Flucloxin	
Fluorouracil sodium	Inj 500 mg per 10 ml	Baxter	2004
	Inj 500 mg per 20 ml	Baxter	
Fluoxetine hydrochloride	Tab dispersible 20 mg	Fluox	2004
	Cap 20 mg	Fluox	2004
Folic acid	Tab 5 mg	Apo-Folic Acid	2003
	50 µg per ml oral liquid	Biomed	2005
Frusemide	Tab 40 mg	Diurin 40	2003
	Tab 500 mg	Diurin	

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Generic Name	Presentation	Brand Name	Expiry Date*
Gentamicin sulphate	Inj 40 mg per ml, 2 ml	Pharmacia	2005
Glibenclamide	Tab 2.5 mg Tab 5 mg	Gliben Gliben	2005
<b>Gliclazide</b>	<b>Tab 80 mg</b>	<b>Apo-Gliclazide</b>	<b>2005</b>
Glipizide	Tab 5 mg	Minidiab	2005
Glyceryl trinitrate	TDDS 5 mg & TDDS 10 mg	Nitroderm TTS	2004
Haloperidol decanoate	Inj 50 mg per ml, 1 ml Inj 100 mg per ml, 1 ml	Haldol Haldol Concentrate	2005
Heparinised saline	Inj 10 iu per ml, 5 ml	AstraZeneca	2005
Hydrocortisone	Inj 50 mg per ml, 2 ml Powder; 25 g	Solu-Cortef m-Hydrocortisone	2003 2005
Hydrocortisone with cinchocaine	Oint 5 mg with cinchocaine hydrochloride 5 mg per g Suppos 5 mg with cinchocaine hydrochloride 5 mg per g	Proctosedyl Proctosedyl	2004
Hydrocortisone with miconazole	Crn 1% with miconazole nitrate 2%	Micreme H	2004
Hydrocortisone with wool fat and mineral oil	Lotn 1% with wool fat hydrous 3% and mineral oil	DP Lotn HC	2003
Hydroxyurea	Cap 500 mg	Hydrea	2004
Hypromellose	Eye drops 0.5% Eye drops 1% Eye drops 0.3%	Methopt Methopt Forte Poly-Tears	2003 2005
<b>Ibuprofen</b>	<b>Tab 200 mg</b>	<b>I-Profen</b>	<b>2005</b>
Ipratropium bromide	Nebuliser soln 250 µg per ml, 1 ml Nebuliser soln 500 µg per 2 ml, 2 ml Aqueous nasal spray, 0.03%	Ipra 250 Ipra 500 Atrovent Nasal Aqueous	2004 2005
Indapamide	Tab 2.5 mg	Naplin	2003
Indomethacin	Cap 25 mg Cap 50 mg Cap long-acting 75 mg Suppos 100 mg	Rheumacin Rheumacin Rheumacin Arthrexin	2005 2005 2005 2005
Isosorbide mononitrate	Tab 20 mg Tab long-acting 60 mg	Ismo 20 Duride	2003
Lactulose	Oral liq 10 g per 15 ml	Lactulose	2003
Loperamide hydrochloride	Cap 2 mg	Dicap	2004
Loratadine	Tab 10 mg	Lora-tabs	2004
Lorazepam	Tab 1 mg & 2.5 mg	Lorapam	2003
Magnesium sulphate	Inj 49.3%	Baxter	2005
Medroxyprogesterone acetate	Inj 150 mg per ml, 1 ml syringe Tab 100 mg	Depo-Provera Provera HD	2004 2005
Megestrol acetate	Tab 160 mg	Megace	2004
Menadione sodium	Tab 10 mg	K Thrombin	2005
Metformin hydrochloride	Tab 500 mg & 850 mg	Metomin	2003

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Generic Name	Presentation	Brand Name	Expiry Date*
Methotrexate	Inj 5 mg per 2 ml vial	Baxter	2004
	Inj 20 mg per 2 ml vial	Baxter	
	Inj 50 mg per 2 ml vial	Baxter	
	Inj 100 mg per 4 ml vial	Baxter	
	Tab 10 mg	Methoblastin	2005
	Tab 2.5 mg	Methoblastin	
Methyl dopa	Tab 125 mg, 250 mg & 500 mg	Prodopa	2003
Methylphenidate hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg	Rubifen	2003
Methylprednisolone	Tab 4 mg	Medrol	2005
	Tab 100 mg	Medrol	
Methylprednisolone acetate	Inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml	Depo-Medrol	2005
Methylprednisolone acetate with lignocaine	Inj 40 mg per ml, with lignocaine 1 ml	Depo-Medrol with lidocaine	2005
Methylprednisolone sodium succinate	Inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml	Solu Medrol	2005
	Inj 62.5 mg per ml, 2 ml	Solu Medrol	
	Inj 500 mg	Solu Medrol	
	Inj 1 g	Solu Medrol	
Metoclopramide hydrochloride	Inj 5 mg per ml, 2 ml	AstraZeneca	2005
Metoclopramide hydrochloride with paracetamol	Tab 5 mg with 500 mg paracetamol	Paramax	2005
Miconazole	Oral gel 20 mg per g	Daktarin	2004
Miconazole nitrate	Crn 2%	Micreme	2005
Midazolam	Inj 1 mg per ml, 5 ml	Hypnovel	2005
	Inj 5 mg per ml, 3 ml	Hypnovel	
Misoprostol	Tab 200 µg	Cytotec	2005
Morphine hydrochloride	Oral liq 1 mg per ml	RA Morph	2005
	Oral liq 2 mg per ml	RA Morph	
	Oral liq 5 mg per ml	RA Morph	
	Oral liq 10 mg per ml	RA Morph	
Morphine tartrate	Inj 80 mg per ml, 1.5 ml	Baxter	2005
	Inj 80 mg per ml 5 ml	Baxter	
Nadolol	Tab 40 mg & 80 mg	Apo-Nadolol	2004
Naphazoline hydrochloride	Eye drops 0.1%	Naphcon Forte	2005
<b>Naproxen</b>	<b>Tab 250 mg</b>	<b>Naxen</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>Tab 500 mg</b>	<b>Naxen</b>	
	Tab long-acting 750 mg	Naprosyn SR	
	Tab long-acting 1,000 mg	Naprosyn SR	
Naproxen sodium	Tab 275 mg	Synflex	2005
	Tab 550 mg	Synflex	
Nicotinic acid	Tab 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg & 500 mg	Apo-Nicotinic Acid	2004
Nifedipine	Tab long-acting 20 mg	Nyefax Retard	2003
Norethisterone	Tab 350 µg	Noriday	2005
	Tab 5 mg	Primolut N	
Nortriptyline hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg	Norpress	2005

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Generic Name	Presentation	Brand Name	Expiry Date*
Nortriptyline	Tab 25 mg	Norpress	2005
Nystatin	Oral liq 100,000 u per ml	Mycostatin	2005
Oily phenol	Inj 5%, 5 ml	Baxter	2005
Olsalazine	Cap 250 mg	Dipentum	2005
	Tab 500 mg	Dipentum	
Ornidazole	Tab 500 mg	Tiberal	2004
Pamidronate disodium	Inj 30 mg per 10 ml	Pamisol Baxter	2005
Paracetamol	Tab 500 mg	Pacimol	2005
	Suppos 125 mg	Panadol	2005
	Suppos 250 mg	Panadol	
Pergolide	Tab 0.25 mg	Permax	2005
	Tab 1 mg	Permax	
Phenoxymethylpenicillin (Penicillin V)	Grans for oral liquid benzathine 125 mg per 5 ml	AFT	2004
	Grans for oral liquid benzathine 250 mg per 5 ml	AFT	
Pilocarpine	Eye drops 0.5%	Pilopt	2005
	Eye drops 1%	Pilopt	
	Eye drops 2%	Pilopt	
	Eye drops 3%	Pilopt	
	Eye drops 4%	Pilopt	
	Eye drops 6%	Pilopt	
Pindolol	Tab 5 mg	Pindol	2004
Piroxicam	Tab dispersible 10 mg & 20 mg	Piram-D	2003
Potassium chloride	Inj 75 mg per ml, 10 ml	AstraZeneca	2005
	Inj 150 mg per ml, 10 ml	AstraZeneca	
Prazosin hydrochloride	Tab 1 mg, 2 mg & 5 mg	Hyprosin	2004
Prednisone	Tab 1 mg	Apo-Prednisone	2005
	Tab 2.5 mg	Apo-Prednisone	
	Tab 5 mg	Apo-Prednisone	
	Tab 20 mg	Apo-Prednisone	
Pregnancy Tests– HCG Urine	Cassette	MDS Quickcard	2005
Procaine penicillin	Inj 1.5 mega u	Cilicaine	2005
Prochlorperazine	Tab 5 mg	Antinaus	2004
Quinine sulphate	Tab 200 mg	Q 200	2003
	Tab 300 mg	Q 300	
Salbutamol	Nebuliser soln, 1 mg per ml, 2.5 ml	Ventolin Nebules	2004
	Nebuliser soln, 2 mg per ml, 2.5 ml	Ventolin Nebules	
Salbutamol with ipratropium bromide	Nebuliser soln, 2.5 mg with ipratropium bromide 0.5 mg per 2.5 ml vial, 2.5 ml	Duolin	2004
Selegiline hydrochloride	Tab 5 mg	Selgene	2003
Sodium acid phosphate	16% enema with 8% sodium phosphate	Fleet	2005

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Generic Name	Presentation	Brand Name	Expiry Date*
Sodium chloride	Inj 0.9% 5 ml, 10 ml & 20 ml	Pharmacia	2004
Spironolactone	Tab 25 mg & 100 mg Oral liquid 5 mg per ml	Spirotone Biomed	2003 2005
Sulphacetamide sodium	Eye drops 10%	Acetopt	2005
Sulphasalazine	Tab 500 mg Tab EC 500 mg	Salazopyrin Salazopyrin-EN	2005
Tamoxifen citrate	Tab 10 mg & 20 mg	Genox	2003
Tar with triethanolamine lauryl sulphate and fluorescein	Soln 2.3% with triethanolamine lauryl sulphate and fluorescein sodium	Pinetarsol	2005
Temazepam	Cap 20 mg Cap 10 mg	Euhypnos Euhypnos	2005 2005
Testosterone cypionate	Inj long-acting 100 mg per ml, 10 ml	Depo Testosterone	2005
Timolol maleate	Eye drops 0.25% & 0.5%	Apo-Timop	2004
Tranexamic acid	Tab 500 mg	Cyklokapron	2004
Triazolam	Tab 0.125 mg	Halcion	2005
Triamcinolone acetonide	Dental Paste USP 0.1%	Oracort	2005
<b>Triamcinolone acetonide with gramicidin, neomycin and nystatin</b>	<b>Oint 1 mg with nystatin 100,000 u, neomycin sulphate 2.5 mg and gramicidin 250 µg per g</b> <b>Crn 1 mg with nystatin 100,000 u, neomycin sulphate 2.5 mg and gramicidin 250 µg per g</b>	<b>Viaderm KC Ointment</b> <b>Viaderm KC Cream</b>	<b>2005</b>
Triamterene with hydrochlorothiazide	Tab 50 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg	Triamizide	2003
Trimethoprim	Tab 300 mg	TMP	2005
<b>Trimipramine maleate</b>	<b>Cap 25 mg</b> <b>Cap 50 mg</b>	<b>Tripress</b> <b>Tripress</b>	<b>2005</b>
Urea	Crn 10%	Nutraplus	2005
Vancomycin hydrochloride	Cap 125 mg & 250 mg Inj 50 mg per ml, 10 ml	Vancocin Vancocin	2004
Verapamil hydrochloride	Tab 40 mg & 80 mg Tab long-acting 240 mg	Verpamil Verpamil SR	2003
Verapamil hydrochloride	Tab long-acting 120 mg	Verpamil SR	2005
Vitamins	Tab (BPC cap strength)	Healtheries Multi-vitamin tablets	2004
Vitamin B complex	Tab, strong, BPC	Apo-B-Complex	2003
Water	Purified for inj 5 ml, 10 ml & 20 ml	Pharmacia	2004
Zinc and castor oil	Ointment BP	Sigma	2005
Zopiclone	Tab 7.5 mg	Imovane	2005

May changes are in bold type

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## New Listings

### Effective 1 May 2003

61	GLYCERYL TRINITRATE ▲ Oral pump spray 400 µg per dose .....	8.74	250 dose OP	✓ <b>Nitrolingual Pumpspray</b>
80	ECONAZOLE NITRATE Pessaries 150 mg with applicators .....	2.75 (9.71)	3	Pevaryl Ovules
120	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE - Additional subsidy by endorsement available Tab 20 mg .....	1.58 (10.00)	28	Celapram

Additional subsidy by endorsement for:

Citalopram tab 20 mg x 28 (Celapram) up to \$10.00

is available for patients who:

- were taking moclobemide or nefazodone on 1 December 1999 or citalopram on 1 February 2000; or paroxetine hydrochloride on 1 February 2001; or
- have previously responded to treatment with moclobemide or nefazodone or citalopram or paroxetine hydrochloride; or
- have had a trial of fluoxetine and have to discontinue due to:
  - inability to tolerate the drug due to side effects; or
  - failed to respond to an adequate dose and duration of treatment; or
- have contraindications to fluoxetine (eg pre-existing significant levels of nausea, breastfeeding, potential drug interactions).

The prescription must be endorsed accordingly. We recommend that the words used to indicate eligibility are "certified condition" however these particular words are not a requirement."

## Changes to Restrictions

Effective 1 May 2003

- 41 DIPPYRIDAMOLE  
Tab 25 mg - Special Authority ..... 0.21 100  
(9.95) Persantin
- Additional Subsidy by Special Authority:
- Approval to fully fund dipyridamole tablets **25 mg, long-acting tablets and capsules** is available in the following circumstances:
    - Patients with prosthetic heart valves - as an adjunct to oral anticoagulation for prophylaxis of thromboembolism (applications only from cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists and general physicians); **or**
    - Patients after coronary artery vein bypass graft - as an adjunct to aspirin or as monotherapy for patients who are aspirin intolerant as defined below (applications only from cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists and general physicians); **or**
    - Patients who continue to have transient ischaemic episodes despite aspirin therapy or have transient ischaemic episodes and are aspirin intolerant as defined below (applications only from neurologists, neurosurgeons, cardiologists, vascular surgeons and general physicians);
  - Approvals are valid indefinitely;
  - Aspirin intolerant patients are defined as those with aspirin induced asthma, urticaria, or anaphylaxis, or those with significant aspirin induced bleeding, excluding bruising;
  - Prescriptions with a valid Special Authority (CHEM) number will be reimbursed the manufacturer's price identified in the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

- 41 DIPPYRIDAMOLE  
Tab long-acting 150 mg - Special Authority ..... 11.95 60 ✓ **Pytazen SR<sup>IMM</sup>**  
Cap long-acting 150 mg - Special Authority ..... 11.95 60  
(22.39) Persantin PL<sup>IMM</sup>

Additional Subsidy by Special Authority - Retail pharmacy:

- Approvals to fund dipyridamole ~~tablets~~, long-acting tablets and capsules **150 mg** is available in the following circumstances:
  - Patients with prosthetic heart valves - as an adjunct to oral anticoagulation for prophylaxis of thromboembolism (applications only from cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists and general physicians); **or**
  - Patients after coronary artery vein bypass graft - as an adjunct to aspirin or as monotherapy for patients who are aspirin intolerant as defined below (applications only from cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists and general physicians); **or**
  - Patients who continue to have transient ischaemic episodes despite aspirin therapy or have transient ischaemic episodes and are aspirin intolerant as defined below (applications only from neurologists, neurosurgeons, cardiologists, vascular surgeons and general physicians);
- Approvals are valid indefinitely;
- Aspirin intolerant patients are defined as those with aspirin induced asthma, urticaria, or anaphylaxis, or those with significant aspirin induced bleeding, excluding bruising;
- Prescriptions with a valid Special Authority (Chem) number will be reimbursed the ~~manufacturer's price~~ **subsidy** identified in the Pharmaceutical Schedule.



**Changes to Restrictions - effective 1 May 2003** (continued)

120 CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE - Additional subsidy by endorsement available			
Tab 20 mg .....	1.58	28	
	(10.00)		Celapram
	(31.45)		Cipramil

Additional subsidy by endorsement for:

- Moclobemide tab 150 mg x 100 (Aurorix) up to \$32.90
- Moclobemide tab 300 mg x 60 (Aurorix) up to \$39.48
- Nefazodone tab 100 mg x 56 (Serzone) up to \$20.16
- Nefazodone tab 200 mg x 56 (Serzone) up to \$40.32
- Citalopram tab 20 mg x 28 (Cipramil **and Celapram**) up to ~~\$31.45~~ **\$10.00**
- Paroxetine hydrochloride tab 20 mg x 30 (Aropax) up to \$35.02

is available for patients who:

- were taking moclobemide or nefazodone on 1 December 1999 or citalopram on 1 February 2000; or paroxetine hydrochloride on 1 February 2001; or
- have previously responded to treatment with moclobemide or nefazodone or citalopram or paroxetine hydrochloride; or
- have had a trial of fluoxetine and have to discontinue due to:
  - inability to tolerate the drug due to side effects; or
  - failed to respond to an adequate dose and duration of treatment; or
- have contraindications to fluoxetine (eg pre-existing significant levels of nausea, breastfeeding, potential drug interactions).

The prescription must be endorsed accordingly. We recommend that the words used to indicate eligibility are "certified condition" however these particular words are not a requirement."

## Changes to Subsidy and Manufacturer's Price

45	ATORVASTATIN - Special Authority (↓subsidy)			
	Tab 10 mg .....	23.94	30	✓ Lipitor
	Tab 20 mg .....	34.89	30	✓ Lipitor
	Tab 40 mg .....	48.39	30	✓ Lipitor
65	TOLNAFTATE - Not in combination (↑price)			
	Crn 1% .....	1.00 (8.60)	20 g OP	Tinaderm
	Soln 1% .....	4.36 (6.87)	10 ml OP	Tinaderm
66	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE (↑price)			
	Crn 0.05% .....	2.96 (6.28)	15 g OP	Diprosone
	Crn 0.05% .....	8.97 (16.69)	50 g OP	Diprosone
	Crn 0.05% in propylene glycol base .....	4.33 (12.57)	30 g OP	Diprosone OV
	Oint 0.05% .....	2.96 (5.92)	15 g OP	Diprosone
	Oint 0.05% .....	8.97 (15.55)	50 g OP	Diprosone
	Oint 0.05% in propylene glycol base .....	4.33 (12.57)	30 g OP	Diprosone OV
68	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE WITH CLOTRIMAZOLE - Only on a prescription (↑price)			
	Crn 0.05% with clotrimazole 1% .....	4.90 (8.19)	15 g OP	Lotricomb
68	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE WITH SALICYLIC ACID - Only on a prescription (↑price)			
	Oint 0.05% with salicylic acid 3% .....	8.10 (11.28)	30 g OP	Diprosalic
	Lotn 0.05% with salicylic acid 2% .....	9.74 (14.21)	50 ml OP	Diprosalic
69	DIPHEMANIL METHYLSULPHATE (↑price)			
	a) Subsidised only if prescribed for an amputee with an artificial limb, or for a paraplegic patient; and			
	b) On a prescription endorsed accordingly.			
	Powder 2% .....	6.81 (11.77)	50 g OP	Prantal
73	TAR WITH CADE OIL (↑price)			
	Bath emulsion 7.5% coal tar, 2.5% cade oil, 7.5% compound .....	9.70 (29.60)	350 ml	Polytar Emollient

Check your Schedule for full details Schedule page ref	Subsidy (Mnfr's Price) \$	Per	Brand or Generic Mnfr ✓ <b>fully subsidised</b>
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### Changes to Subsidy and Manufacturer's Price– effective 1 May 2003 (continued)

73	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE (↑price) Scalp lotn 0.05% .....	12.29 (22.91)	100 ml OP	Diprosone
115	BUPIVACAINE HYDROCHLORIDE - Special Authority (↑price) Inj 0.5%, 4 ml .....	23.32 (29.95)	5	Marcaïn Isobaric
129	FLUPHENAZINE DECANOATE - Retail pharmacy-specialist (↓subsidy) Inj 100 mg per ml, 1 ml - Available on a PSO .....	154.50 (168.00)	5	✓ <b>Modecate</b> Baxter
144	AZATADINE MALEATE (↑price) Tab 1 mg .....	6.94 (16.90)	50	Zadine
145	DEXTROCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (↑price) Tab 2 mg .....	2.52 (9.08)	50	Polaramine
	Tab long-acting 6 mg .....	6.75 (14.28)	50	Polaramine Repetab
145	LORATADINE (↑price) Oral liq 1 mg per ml .....	4.00 (9.85)	100 ml	Claratyne
169	COMPOUND HYDROXYBENZOATE (↑subsidy) Solution .....	21.50	100 ml	✓ <b>David Craig</b>
	(Only in extemporaneously compounded oral mixtures)			

### Changes to Sole Subsidised Supply

#### Effective 1 May 2003

For the list of new Sole Subsidised Supply products effective 1 May 2003 refer to the bold entries in the cumulative Sole Subsidised Supply table pages 8–14.

▲ Three months supply may be dispensed at one time if endorsed "certified exemption" by the prescriber.

"IMM" Interchangeable Multi-source Medicines

## Delisted Items

Effective 1 May 2003

31	GLICLAZIDE Tab 80 mg .....	39.08 (78.80)	500		Diamicon
66	CLOBETASONE BUTYRATE Oint 0.05% .....	5.38 (5.91)	30 g OP		Eumovate
	Oint 0.05% .....	16.13 (18.33)	100 g OP		Eumovate
68	TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE WITH GRAMICIDIN, NEOMYCIN AND NYSTATIN Only on a prescription				
	Crn 1 mg with nystatin 100,000 u, neomycin sulphate 2.5 mg and gramicidin 250 µg per g .....	3.49 (6.09)	15 g OP		Kenacomb
	Oint 1 mg with nystatin 100,000 u, neomycin sulphate 2.5 mg and gramicidin 250 µg per g .....	3.49 (6.09)	15 g OP		Kenacomb
89	GROWTH HORMONE BIOSYNTHETIC HUMAN - Special Authority				
	Inj 12 iu per vial .....	291.00	1	✓	Norditropin
	Cartridge 12 iu per vial .....	291.00	1	✓	Norditropin Penset 12
	Cartridge 24 iu per vial .....	582.00	1	✓	Norditropin Penset 24
96	CIPROFLOXACIN - Retail pharmacy-specialist				
	Tab 250 mg .....	11.42 (48.16)	28		Ciproxin
	Tab 500 mg .....	20.44 (86.68)	28		Ciproxin
	Tab 750 mg .....	28.87 (138.16)	28		Ciproxin
107	DIDANOSINE (ddl) - Special Authority				
	Tab 25 mg reduced mass .....	46.02	60	✓	Videx
	Tab 100 mg reduced mass .....	184.08	60	✓	Videx
110	IBUPROFEN - Special Authority available				
	Tab 200 mg .....	2.07 (2.90)	100		Panafen
110	NAPROXEN - Special Authority available				
	Tab 250 mg .....	26.50	500	✓	Naprosyn <sup>IMM</sup>
	Tab EC 250 mg .....	6.36	120	✓	Naprosyn Enteric
	Tab 500 mg .....	53.00	500	✓	Naprosyn <sup>IMM</sup>
	Tab EC 500 mg .....	6.36	60	✓	Naprosyn Enteric <sup>IMM</sup>

Check your Schedule for full details Schedule page ref	Subsidy (Mnfr's Price) \$	Per	Brand or Generic Mnfr ✓ fully subsidised
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### Delisted Items – effective 1 May 2003 (continued)

119 PHENELZINE SULPHATE			
Tab 15 mg .....	14.90	50	✓ Nardil
Note: Link Pharmaceuticals (09) 358 7146 is supplying Nardil tablets under Section 29.			
119 TRIMIPRAMINE MALEATE			
Tab 25 mg .....	3.19 (6.58)	50	Surmontil
Cap 50 mg .....	12.00 (23.00)	100	Surmontil
146 BECLOMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE			
Aerosol inhaler, 100 µg per dose .....	25.00	200 dose OP	✓ Respocort 100-S
183 ISOMIL .....	2.89 (7.20)	400 g OP	

### Items to be Delisted

#### Effective 1 August 2003

129 FLUPHENAZINE DECANOATE - Retail pharmacy-specialist			
Inj 100 mg per ml, 1 ml - Available on a PSO .....	154.50 (168.00)	5	Baxter

#### Effective 1 November 2003

43 DEXTROSE WITH ELECTROLYTES			
Soln with electrolytes .....	3.44 (3.89)	500 ml OP	Pedialyte
55 DISOPYRAMIDE PHOSPHATE			
▲ Tab long-acting 250 mg .....	71.60 (86.64)	100	Rythmodan Retard
59 VERAPAMIL HYDROCHLORIDE			
Tab 120 mg .....	25.32	100	✓ <b>Civacor</b>
61 GLYCERYL TRINITRATE			
▲ Oral pump spray 400 µg per dose .....	6.99	200 dose OP	✓ <b>Nitrolingual Pumpspray</b>
Note: Nitrolingual Pumpspray 250 dose OP listed fully subsidised 1 May 2003			
76 CONDOMS WITH SPERMICIDE - Available on a PSO .....	28.56	144	✓ <b>Durex Extra Confidence</b> ✓ <b>Lifestyles Spermicidal</b> ✓ <b>Shield Gold</b>

▲ Three months supply may be dispensed at one time if endorsed "certified exemption" by the prescriber.

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Check your Schedule for full details  
Schedule page ref

Subsidy  
(Mnfr's Price)  
\$ Per

Brand or  
Generic Mnfr  
✓ fully subsidised

**Items to be delisted – effective 1 November 2003** (continued)

78	ETHINYLOESTRADIOL WITH NORGESTREL - Available on a PSO Tab 50 µg with norgestrel 500 µg .....	3.15 (4.73)	21		Ovral
80	ECONAZOLE NITRATE Pessaries 150 mg with applicators .....	2.75 (9.71)	3		Gyno-Pevaryl
118	AMOXAPINE Tab 25 mg .....	17.50	100		✓ Asendin
175	ENSURE POWDER (banana, chocolate) Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] .....	6.13 (8.60)	400 g OP		

**Section H changes effective 1 May 2003**

**Changes to Part II – Pharmaceuticals under National Contracts**

Contracted Pharmaceutical Description	Brand	Price (\$ (ex man. excl. GST)	Per	DV Limit	DV Limit applies from	DV Pharmaceutical
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CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE Tab 20 mg	Celapram	10.00	28			
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Patients pay a manufacturer's surcharge when the Manufacturer's Price is greater than the Subsidy

‡ safety cap reimbursed  
Sole Subsidised Supplier

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