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Notification on restriction of blood glucose test strips

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In March 2005, the Chief Executive of PHARMAC under delegated authority resolved to add the following restriction from 1 June 2005 to all blood glucose test strips listed on the Pharmaceutical Schedule:

- The number of test strips available on a prescription is restricted to 50 unless:
- 1) Prescribed with insulin or a sulphonylurea but are on a different prescription and the prescription is endorsed accordingly; or
 - 2) Prescribed on the same prescription as insulin or a sulphonylurea in which case the prescription is deemed to be endorsed; or
 - 3) Prescribed for a pregnant woman with diabetes and endorsed accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50.

Yours sincerely



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