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CONSULTATION ON PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WITH ASTRAZENECA FOR PHARMACEUTICALS ON SECTION H OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SCHEDULE

PHARMAC has reached provisional agreement with AstraZeneca for a range of products. The main aspects of the agreement are outlined below.

Diprivan (propofol) would be listed in Part II of Section H with Hospital Supply Status until 30 June 2009 and a DV limit of 1%. Price changes would be effective 1 October 2006, and DV limits would apply from 1 December 2006. Details of the proposed listing are set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Products with Hospital Supply Status

Pharmaceutical	Brand	Form; pack size	Price	DV Pharmaceuticals
Propofol with EDTA	Diprivan	Injection, 1%, 20 ml; 5 vials	25.00	Propofol (InterMed) Propofol (Fresenius) Propofol (Mayne) Propofol (Recofol)
Propofol with EDTA	Diprivan	Injection, 1%, 50 ml; 1 vial	15.00	Propofol (InterMed) Propofol (Fresenius) Propofol (Mayne) Propofol (Recofol)
Propofol with EDTA	Diprivan	Injection, 1%, 100 ml; 1 vial	19.00	Propofol (InterMed) Propofol (Fresenius) Propofol (Mayne) Propofol (Recofol)
Propofol with EDTA	Diprivan	Injection, 1%, 50 ml Pre-filled syringe	25.00	(B)
Propofol with EDTA	Diprivan	Injection, 2%, 50 ml, Pre-filled syringe	30.00	(B)

AstraZeneca would continue to supply free of charge and maintain pumps used for the delivery of Diprivan ("Diprifusor Pumps") to all DHB Hospitals that currently hold a relevant contract with AstraZeneca for the supply of Diprifusor Pumps, and to other DHB Hospitals who purchase Diprivan 1% prefilled syringes and/or Diprivan 2% prefilled syringes from AstraZeneca in sufficient volumes.

The proposal also includes the listing of fentanyl injection, and bupivacaine with glucose injection (Marcaïn Heavy) in part II of Section H from 1 October 2006, and a number of price changes to already listed products. Details of these products are set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2 Products without Hospital Supply Status

Pharmaceutical	Brand	Form	Pack Size	Price
Fentanyl citrate ¹	AstraZeneca	Injection, 50 mcg per ml, 2 ml	10	7.60
Fentanyl citrate ¹	AstraZeneca	Injection, 50 mcg per ml, 10 ml	10	10.60
Bupivacaine hydrochloride with glucose ¹	Marcaïn Heavy	Injection, 0.5% with 8% glucose, 4 ml	5	25.00
Bupivacaine hydrochloride	Marcaïn	Infusion, 0.125%, 100 ml Theatre Pack	5	111.62
Bupivacaine hydrochloride	Marcaïn	Infusion, 0.125%, 200 ml Theatre Pack	5	149.22
Bupivacaine hydrochloride	Marcaïn	Infusion, 0.25%, 100 ml Theatre Pack	5	135.12
Bupivacaine hydrochloride	Marcaïn	Infusion, 0.375%, 20 ml Theatre Pack	5	57.35
Bupivacaine hydrochloride with adrenaline	Marcaïn	Injection, 0.25% with 1:400,000 of adrenaline, 10 ml	5	45.00
Bupivacaine hydrochloride with adrenaline	Marcaïn	Injection, 0.5% with 1:200,000 of adrenaline, 10 ml	5	48.00
Bupivacaine hydrochloride with adrenaline	Marcaïn	Injection, 0.5% with 1:200,000 of adrenaline, 20 ml	5	75.00
Bupivacaine hydrochloride	Marcaïn Isobaric	Injection, 0.5%, 4 ml Theatre Pack	5	29.95
Ropivacaine hydrochloride	Naropin	Injection, 2 mg per ml, 10 ml	5	21.75
Ropivacaine hydrochloride	Naropin	Injection, 2 mg per ml, 20 ml	5	36.42
Ropivacaine hydrochloride	Naropin	Infusion, 2 mg per ml, 100 ml	5	112.20
Ropivacaine hydrochloride	Naropin	Infusion, 2 mg per ml, 200 ml	5	197.40
Ropivacaine hydrochloride with fentanyl	Naropin	Infusion, 2 mg per ml with 2 mcg of fentanyl per ml, 100 ml	5	155.10
Ropivacaine hydrochloride with fentanyl	Naropin	Infusion, 2 mg per ml with 2 mcg of fentanyl per ml, 200 ml	5	292.50
Ropivacaine hydrochloride	Naropin	Injection, 7.5 mg per ml, 10 ml	5	38.77
Ropivacaine hydrochloride	Naropin	Injection, 7.5 mg per ml, 20 ml	5	68.15
Ropivacaine hydrochloride	Naropin	Injection, 10 mg per ml, 10 ml	5	44.65
Ropivacaine hydrochloride	Naropin	Injection, 10 mg per ml, 20 ml	5	80.80
Lignocaine hydrochloride with adrenaline	Xylocaine	Injection, 1% with 1:100,000 of adrenaline, 5 ml	50	100.00
Lignocaine hydrochloride with adrenaline	Xylocaine	Injection, 1% with 1:200,000 of adrenaline, 20 ml	5	47.00
Lignocaine hydrochloride with adrenaline	Xylocaine	Injection, 2% with 1:200,000 of adrenaline, 20 ml	5	52.87

¹ New listing in Section H

Pharmaceutical	Brand	Form	Pack Size	Price
Lignocaine hydrochloride	Xylocaine	Injection, 0.5%, 5 ml	50	45.00
Lignocaine hydrochloride	Xylocaine	CFC-free pump spray, 10%, 50 ml	1	65.80
Neostigmine methylsulphate	Neostigmine Methylsulphate	Injection, 2.5 mg per ml, 1 ml	50	22.50
Potassium chloride	AstraZeneca	Injection, 150 mg per ml, 10 ml	50	26.00
Potassium chloride	AstraZeneca	Injection, 75 mg per ml, 10 ml	50	26.00
Suxamethonium chloride	Suxamethonium Chloride	Injection, 50 mg per ml, 2 ml	50	100.00
Lignocaine hydrochloride with prilocaine hydrochloride	EMLA	Patch, 2.5% with 2.5% prilocaine hydrochloride	2	10.40
Lignocaine hydrochloride with prilocaine hydrochloride	EMLA	Patch, 2.5% with 2.5% prilocaine hydrochloride	20	104.00
Lignocaine hydrochloride with prilocaine hydrochloride	EMLA	Cream, 2.5% with 2.5% prilocaine hydrochloride, 5 g	5 with 10 dressings	45.00
Lignocaine hydrochloride with prilocaine hydrochloride	EMLA	Cream, 2.5% with 2.5% prilocaine hydrochloride, 30 g	1	44.50
Prilocaine hydrochloride	Citanest	Injection, 0.5%, 50 ml	1	18.20
Prilocaine hydrochloride	Citanest	Injection, 2%, 5 ml	10	34.07

AstraZeneca's brand of the products listed in Table 2 would not be delisted prior to 30 June 2007 if the proposal is approved.

If you wish to make comments for the PHARMAC Board or Chief Executive to consider when making its decision on whether to accept this proposal, please send them to me at PHARMAC by **5:00pm, 21 August 2006**.

Yours sincerely



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