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## Agreement with AstraZeneca for water for injection and Marcain with adrenaline approved

PHARMAC is pleased to announce the approval of an agreement with AstraZeneca for the listing of water for injection, and Hospital Supply Status for Marcain with adrenaline in Section H from 1 July 2009. Water for injection will also be listed on Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 July 2009.

This agreement arose as a result of our Alternative Commercial Proposal process, in which we invite alternatives to tendering. We had proposed tendering bupivacaine with adrenaline.

### Details of the decision

#### *Water for injection*

- AstraZeneca's brand of water for injection will be listed in Part II of Section H and Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 July 2009 as follows:

Pharmaceutical	Brand	Form and Strength	Pack Size	Price and subsidy
Water for injection	AstraZeneca	Inj 5 ml	50	\$10.51
Water for injection	AstraZeneca	Inj 10 ml	50	\$11.32

- AstraZeneca's brand of water for injection will remain listed on Part II of Section H until at least 30 June 2012.

#### *Marcain with adrenaline*

- AstraZeneca's brand of bupivacaine with adrenaline will be listed in Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 July 2009 as follows:

Pharmaceutical	Brand	Form and Strength	Pack Size	Price
Bupivacaine with adrenaline	Inj 0.5% with 1:200,000 adrenaline, 20 ml	Marcain with adrenaline	5	\$115.40
Bupivacaine with adrenaline	Inj 0.25% with 1:400,000 adrenaline, 10 ml	Marcain with adrenaline	5	\$134.76

- Marcain with adrenaline will have Hospital Supply Status from 1 September 2009 until 30 June 2011 with a DV Limit of 1%.

### **What feedback was received?**

We appreciate all the feedback we received and acknowledge the time people took to respond. All consultation responses received by 2 December 2008 were considered in their entirety in making a decision on the proposed changes. The majority of responses were supportive of the proposal; there were some responses of a commercial nature to which we will respond directly.