

Recent Pharmaceutical Schedule Changes

Pharmaceutical	Only Fully Subsidised Brand	Brand that is no longer Subsidised
Omeprazole	Dr Reddys Omeprazole	Losec
Simvastatin	Arrow-Simva (from August)	Lipex (from August)
Paracetamol	Pharmacare Paracetamol	Panadol

Metoprolol succinate – A new brand (AFT-Metoprolol CR) is fully funded from 1 June. It does not need endorsement for any patients.

Atorvastatin – An 80 mg strength is available. Patients requiring an 80 mg dose should be prescribed the 80 mg tablet, if clinically appropriate.

Diltiazem – Any patients using Dilzem SR or Dilzem LA should have changed to Cardizem CD as Dilzem will no longer be funded from 1 June.

Ph 0800 11 22 37 for free patient information leaflets explaining these changes, or visit our website:

<http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/patients/MedicineInformation/BrandChanges>



The PHARMAC Seminar Series provides high quality, RNZCGP endorsed, educational seminars for health professionals. PHARMAC covers the cost of travel to and from the seminars (held in Wellington), including flights. Upcoming seminars:

- Thursday 21 July Current Themes in Cardiology
- Friday 7 August Pre-eclampsia, Diabetes and Other Pregnancy Complications

To find out more about the PHARMAC Seminar Series, and to register for seminars: www.seminarseries.pharmac.govt.nz

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