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Proposed changes to listings for Radiological Contrast Media

PHARMAC is seeking feedback on two separate provisional agreements (with GE Healthcare and Bayer New Zealand Limited) relating to the listing of radiological contrast media in Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

In summary, these two proposals would result in, from 1 January 2010:

In the category of CT contrast media:

- price reductions for Omnipaque, and Visipaque in exchange for Hospital Supply Status until 30 June 2012; and
- continued listing of Gastrografin (oral use).

In the category of Magnetic Resonance contrast media:

- listing of Omniscan;
- continued listing of Magnevist; and
- listing of Gadovist.

Gadovist would be subject to a confidential discount on invoice arrangement.

No brand of Magnetic Resonance contrast media would have Hospital Supply Status, so DHB Hospitals would be able to choose which brands (including unlisted brands) they would like to purchase.

Feedback sought

PHARMAC welcomes feedback on this proposal. To provide feedback, please submit it in writing by **5pm on 10 December 2009** to:

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All feedback received before the closing date will be considered by PHARMAC's Board (or Chief Executive acting under delegated authority) prior to making a decision on this proposal.

Details of the proposal are set out on the following pages.

Details of the proposal

We are proposing to accept two provisional agreements; one from Bayer New Zealand Limited, and the other from GE Healthcare Limited. Details of each are below:

Bayer Agreement

The following pharmaceuticals would be listed in Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 January 2010 at the prices set out below (all prices are ex-manufacturer and exclusive of GST):

Chemical (Brand)	Presentation	Pack size	Price
Meglumine gadopentetate (Magnevist)	469 mg per ml (equivalent to 0.5 mmol per ml), 10 ml prefilled syringe	5	92.00
Meglumine gadopentetate (Magnevist)	469 mg per ml (equivalent to 0.5 mmol per ml), 10 ml vial	10	184.00
Meglumine diatrizoate with sodium amidotrizoate (Gastrografin)	660 mg per ml meglumine diatrizoate with 100 mg per ml sodium amidotrizoate, 100 ml bottle	1	21.00
Gadobutrol (Gadovist)	604.72 mg per ml (equivalent to 1 mmol per ml), 7.5 ml prefilled syringe	5	253.10

Gadovist would be the subject to a discount on invoice arrangement.

These products would not have Hospital Supply Status, so DHB Hospitals would have discretion to purchase other brands of Magnetic Resonance contrast media and CT contrast media.

Orders from DHB Hospitals of values less than \$1,000 would attract a charge for freight.

GE Healthcare Agreement

The following pharmaceuticals would be listed in Part II of Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 January 2010 at the prices set out below (all prices are ex-manufacturer and exclusive of GST):

Pharmaceutical	Form and Strength	Pack Size	Brand	Current price	Proposed price
Gadodiamide	Inj 287 mg per ml, 10 ml	10	Omniscan	Not Listed	180.00
Gadodiamide	Inj 287 mg per ml, 15 ml	10	Omniscan	Not Listed	270.00

Pharmaceutical	Form and Strength	Pack Size	Brand	Current price	Proposed price
Gadodiamide	Inj 287 mg per ml, 10 ml Pre-filled syringe	10	Omniscan	Not Listed	220.00
Gadodiamide	Inj 287 mg per ml, 15 ml Pre-filled syringe	10	Omniscan	Not Listed	330.00
Gadodiamide	Inj 287 mg per ml, 20 ml Pre-filled syringe	10	Omniscan	Not Listed	440.00
Iohexol	240 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 50 ml bottle	10	Omnipaque	88.00	77.80
Iohexol	300 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 20 ml vial	6	Omnipaque	35.40	24.00
Iohexol	300 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 50 ml bottle	10	Omnipaque	88.00	77.80
Iohexol	300 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 100 ml bottle	10	Omnipaque	176.00	155.60
Iohexol	300 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 500 ml bottle	6	Omnipaque	527.88	468.00
Iohexol	350 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 20 ml vial	6	Omnipaque	35.40	24.00
Iohexol	350 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 50 ml bottle	10	Omnipaque	88.00	77.80
Iohexol	350 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 75 ml bottle	10	Omnipaque	132.00	116.70
Iohexol	350 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 100 ml bottle	10	Omnipaque	176.00	155.60
Iohexol	350 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 200 ml bottle	6	Omnipaque	211.20	186.70
Iohexol	350 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 500 ml bottle	10	Omnipaque	879.80	780.00
Iodixanol	270 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 50 ml bottle	10	Visipaque	235.60	223.50
Iodixanol	270 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 100 ml bottle	10	Visipaque	471.30	447.00
Iodixanol	320 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 50 ml bottle	10	Visipaque	235.60	223.50
Iodixanol	320 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 100 ml bottle	10	Visipaque	471.30	447.00
Iodixanol	320 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 150 ml bottle	10	Visipaque	Not Listed	670.50
Iodixanol	320 mg per ml (iodine equivalent), 200 ml bottle	10	Visipaque	942.60*	894.00

*Currently a 6 bottle pack; current price for 6 bottles is \$565.56

Omnipaque and Visipaque would have Hospital Supply Status from 1 April 2010 until 30 June 2012 with a DV Limit of 5%. DV Pharmaceuticals would be as follows:

Form and Strength	DV Pharmaceuticals Brand name (Supplier)
Omnipaque 240/50	Iomeron (Regional) iomeprol containing 250 mg per ml of iodine, 50 ml Isovue (Regional) iopamidol containing 250 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml and 100 ml Optiray (Tyco) ioversol containing 240 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml Ultravist (Bayer) iopromide containing 240 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml
Omnipaque 300/20	Iomeron (Regional) iomeprol containing 300 mg per ml of iodine, 20 ml Isovue (Regional) iopamidol containing 300 mg per ml of iodine, 20 ml Optiray (Tyco) ioversol containing 320 mg per ml iodine, 20 ml and 30 ml Ultravist (Bayer) iopromide containing 300 mg per ml iodine, 20 ml
Omnipaque 300/50	Iomeron (Regional) iomeprol containing 300 mg per ml of iodine, 50 ml Isovue (Regional) iopamidol containing 300 mg per ml of iodine, 50 ml Optiray (Tyco) ioversol containing 320 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml Ultraject (Tyco) ioversol containing 320 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml and 75 ml Ultravist (Bayer) iopromide containing 300 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml
Omnipaque 300/100	Iomeron (Regional) iomeprol containing 300 mg per ml of iodine, 100 ml Isovue (Regional) iopamidol containing 300 mg per ml of iodine, 100 ml Optiray (Tyco) ioversol containing 320 mg per ml iodine, 100 ml, 150 ml and 200 ml Ultraject (Tyco) ioversol containing 320 mg per ml iodine, 125 ml Ultravist (Bayer) iopromide containing 300 mg per ml iodine, 100 ml
Omnipaque 300/500	(B)*
Omnipaque 350/20	Iomeron (Regional Health Limited) iomeprol containing 350 per ml of iodine, 20 ml Isovue (Regional Health Limited) iopamidol containing 370 mg per ml of iodine, 20 ml Optiray (Tyco) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 20 ml and 30 ml Ultraject (Tyco) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 30 ml Ultravist (Bayer) iopromide containing 370 mg per ml iodine, 30 ml
Omnipaque 350/50	Iomeron (Regional Health Limited) iomeprol containing 350 per ml of iodine, 50 ml Isovue (Regional Health Limited) iopamidol containing 370 mg per ml of iodine, 50 ml Optiray (Tyco) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml Ultraject (Tyco) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml Ultravist (Bayer) iopromide containing 370 mg per ml iodine, 50 ml
Omnipaque 350/75	Iomeron (Regional Health Limited) iomeprol containing 350 per ml of iodine, 75 ml Optiray (Bayer) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 75 ml Ultraject (Tyco) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 75 ml
Omnipaque 350/100	Iomeron (Regional Health Limited) iomeprol containing 350 per ml of iodine, 100 ml Isovue (Regional Health Limited) iopamidol containing 370 mg per ml of iodine, 100 ml Optiray (Tyco) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 100 ml Ultraject (Tyco) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 100 ml and 125 ml Ultravist (Bayer) iopromide containing 370 mg per ml iodine, 100 ml

Form and Strength	DV Pharmaceuticals Brand name (Supplier)
Omnipaque 350/200	Iomeron (Regional Health Limited) iomeprol containing 350 per ml of iodine, 200 ml Isovue (Regional Health Limited) iopamidol containing 370 mg per ml of iodine, 200 ml Optiray (Tyco) ioversol containing 350 mg per ml iodine, 200 ml Ultravist (Bayer) iopromide containing 370 mg per ml iodine, 200 ml
Omnipaque 350/500	(B)*
Visipaque 270/50	(B)*
Visipaque 270/100	(B)*
Visipaque 320/50	(B)*
Visipaque 320/100	(B)*
Visipaque 320/150	(B)*
Visipaque 320/200	(B)*

*(B) denotes that we have not identified any alternative brands currently, but that should another non-ionic dimmer become available, it would be considered a DV Pharmaceutical.

Each DHB Hospital would be entitled to one order per month free of freight charges. All additional orders would attract the cost of freight, but no other charges.