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March 2010 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **March 2010** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Vitamins (Vitabdeck) cap (fat soluble vitamins A, D, E, K) – Special Authority – retail pharmacy (p'code 2253801)
- Crotamiton (Itch-Soothe) crm 10% - only on a prescription and not in combination (p'code 2343614)
- Chlorhexidine gluconate (healthE) handrub 1% with ethanol 70% - subsidy by endorsement – not more than 500 ml per month (p'code 2318679)
- Pregnancy tests – hCG urine (Innovacon hCG One Step Pregnancy Test Device) cassette – only on a PSO, up to 200 test available on a PSO (p'code 2349647)
- Influenza vaccine (Influvac) inj – Hospital pharmacy [Xpharm] (p'code 2186454)
- Megestrol acetate (Apo-Megestrol) tab 160 mg – Retail pharmacy-Specialist (p'code 2261499)

Changes to restrictions

- Ursodeoxycholic acid (Actigall) cap 300 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Diltiazem hydrochloride (Cardizem CD) cap long-acting 120 mg – amended presentation description
- Nicotine (Habitrol and Nicotinell) gum 2 mg and 4 mg (fruit and mint) – maximum per dispensing cannot be waived via Access Exemption criteria
- Nicotine (Habitrol) lozenge 1 mg and 2 mg – maximum per dispensing can not be waived via Access Exemption criteria
- Nicotine (Habitrol) patch 7 mg, 14 mg and 21 mg – maximum per dispensing can not be waived via Access Exemption criteria
- Influenza vaccine (Fluvax, Fluarix, Influvac and Vaxigrip) inj – amended access criteria
- Trifluoperazine hydrochloride (Stelazine) tab 1 mg, 2 mg and 5 mg – removal of Section 29 criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Apomorphine hydrochloride	Inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml	Apomine
Lithium carbonate	Tab long-acting 400 mg	Priadel
Lorazepam	Tab 1 mg Tab 2.5 mg	Ativan Ativan
Sulphasalazine	Tab 500 mg Tab EC 500 mg	Salazopyrin Salazopyrin EN

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Paracetamol with codeine	Tab paracetamol 500 mg with codeine phosphate 8 mg	ParaCode	Codalgin

NB. For the magnitude of the above subsidy changes, please consult the online version of the Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule at: www.pharmac.govt.nz/healthpros/Schedule

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