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May 2010 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Bendrofluazide (Arrow-Bendrofluazide) tab 2.5 mg – up to 150 tab available on a PSO (p'code: 2351420)
- Bendrofluazide (Arrow-Bendrofluazide) tab 5 mg (p'code: 2351439)
- Testosterone undecanoate (Arrow-Testosterone) cap 40 mg – Retail pharmacy– Specialist (p'code: 2346990)
- Lignocaine (Pfizer) gel 2%, 10 ml urethral syringe (p'code: 2351277)
- Fluorouracil sodium (Fluorouracil Ebewe) inj 50 mg per ml, 10 ml, 5 inj pack – PCT only – Specialist (p'code: 2354918)

Changes to restrictions

- Docusate sodium cap 50 mg (Laxofast 50) and cap 120 mg (Laxofast 120) – amended presentation
- Calcium carbonate (Calsource) tab eff 1.75 g (1 g elemental) – chemical and presentation description amended, and addition of elemental strength
- Calcium carbonate tab 1.25 g (500 mg elemental) (Calci-Tab 500) and tab 1.5 g (600 mg elemental) (Calci-Tab 600) – addition of elemental strength
- Sodium fluoride (PSM) tab 1.1 mg (0.5 mg elemental) – addition of elemental strength
- Ferrous fumarate (Ferro-tab) tab 200 mg (65 mg elemental) – addition of elemental strength
- Ferrous fumarate with folic acid (Ferro-F-Tabs) tab 310 mg (100 mg elemental) with folic acid 350 µg – addition of elemental strength
- Ferrous gluconate with ascorbic acid (Healtheries Iron with Vitamin C) tab 170 mg (20 mg elemental) with ascorbic acid 40 mg – addition of elemental strength
- Ferrous sulphate (Ferro-Gradumet) tab long-acting 325 mg (105 mg elemental) – addition of elemental strength and (Ferodan) oral liq 150 mg per 5 ml (30 mg elemental per 1 ml) – addition of elemental strength
- Ferrous sulphate with folic acid (Ferrograd-Folic) tab long-acting 325 mg (105 mg elemental) with folic acid 350 µg – addition of elemental strength
- Magnesium sulphate (Mayne) inj 49.3%, 5 ml – amended presentation
- Zinc sulphate (Zincaps) cap 137.4 mg (50 mg elemental) – addition of elemental strength
- Gemcitabine hydrochloride (Gemcitabine Ebewe and Gemzar) inj 200 mg and 1 g, and (Baxter) inj 1 mg for ECP – amended Special Authority criteria
- Vinorelbine (Navelbine and Vinorelbine Ebewe) inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml and 5 ml, and (Baxter) inj 1 mg for ECP – amended Special Authority

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Chlorhexidine gluconate	Handrub 1% with ethanol 70%	healthE	Orion
Cisplatin	Inj 1 mg per ml, 50 ml and 100 ml	Cisplatin Ebewe	
Crotamiton	Crn 10%	Itch-Soothe	Eurax
Lamivudine	Tab 150 mg Oral liq 10 mg per ml	3TC 3TC	
Megestrol acetate	Tab 160 mg	Apo-Megestrol	Megace
Pregnancy test - hCG Urine	Cassette	Innovacon hCG One Step Pregnancy Test	MDS Quick Card

NB. For further details and 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.

Blood Glucose Test Strip - claiming reminder

It has been brought to PHARMAC's attention that some pharmacies may be mistakenly claiming for 50 packs of CareSens and/or On Call Advanced blood glucose test strips and lancets instead of claiming for 1 OP. PHARMAC would like to remind pharmacy staff to take care when dispensing these products as a quantity of 1 entered into dispensing software will result in one pack (50 strips and 5 lancets) being claimed.