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To **All New Zealand Pharmacies, IPA Pharmacy Facilitators and Wholesalers**

From **PHARMAC**

Subject **Diclofenac sodium SR – removal of pharmacist endorsed Close Control; clarification of pregnancy test pricing**

Date **30 April 2010**

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Dear Pharmacist / Wholesaler

Diclofenac sodium – pharmacist Close Control removal

Due to stock shortages, from 11 September 2009 diclofenac sodium tabs long-acting 75 mg and 100 mg were able to be dispensed Close Control monthly with pharmacist annotation. The stock situation has now improved and PHARMAC is now providing notice that from **Monday 3 May 2010**, all new prescriptions for diclofenac sodium tablets long-acting 75 mg and 100 mg (all brands) are to be dispensed stat (3 monthly) unless endorsed by a doctor that dispensing should be more frequent via the Close Control rule.

Please note that the remainder of repeats for a prescription of diclofenac sodium tablets long-acting 75mg and 100 mg first dispensed Close Control monthly between **11 September 2009 and 2 May 2010** can either be (at the discretion of the pharmacist and stock availability):

- completed Close Control monthly, or
- dispensed stat where appropriate.

Pharmacists will need to annotate any prescriptions that continue to be dispensed Close Control monthly for audit purposes.

Instructions have been included on how to amend dispensing software below.

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Toniq Users:

Lifting of Limited Stock Close Control prompt on Diclofenac 75mg and 100mg SR.

This MUST be done manually. To remove the prompt for short supply pharmacist endorsement of Close Control go to:

1. Prescriptions

- **F7 Med**

	100mg SR tabs 500pk	75mg SR tabs
Select each pcode and edit one by one.	2212846 DICLAX 2025760 APO-DICLO	2202174 DICLAX 768278 DICLAX (30pk) 2140276 VOLTAREN (100pk) 2025752 APO-DICLO
F11 Page 2	Delete dispensing note (if present) due to this notification.	
	Dispensing note 01/02/09 Continued close control limited supply until end date by Pharmac notification. Prompt <input type="checkbox"/>	
F11 Page 3		
Limited stock Close Control – lifted.		
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	End date <input type="text" value="02/05/10"/> date has never (date)	
F11 Page1		
F12 Accept Details		

Lots users:

For most of you, there will be nothing to do other than be aware that Diclofenac must be dispensed 'Stat' from 3 May 2010.

However, if you have a 'User Dispensary Message' on any Diclofenac stockcards that refers to close control then please remove it by going into the stockcard, then to the Drug Information tab. Click in the User Disp Msg and delete using the backspace key.

The stockcards affected are:

Diclax SR 75mg tab long-acting 500 pack (PLU **2202174**)

Diclax SR 100 mg tab long-acting 500 pack (PLU **2212846**)

Diclax SR 75 mg 30 pack (PLU: **768278**) . This is to be delisted 1 August 2010

Voltaren SR 75 mg 100 pack (PLU: **2140276**). This is to be delisted 1 June 2010

MDS Quickcard pregnancy test – pricing amendment

Due to a missed communication between PHARMAC and MDS Diagnostics; the price of MDS Quickcard has incorrectly been listed in the May 2010 Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule as \$19.00 per 25 pack (OP) with subsidy of \$14.25.

The **price and subsidy** should in fact be \$14.25 per 25 pack OP. We have included instructions on how to amend dispensing software on the next page to reflect the correct price.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50 (9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Brydon', written in a cursive style.

Scott Brydon
Schedule Analyst

Lots Users:

Changing Premium and List Cost on MDS Quickcard Pregnancy Test (PLU#431842)

After running the 1st May update

Go to Stockcards, search for MDS Quickcard Pregnancy Test (PLU#431842)

Click on the **List Cost** box and type in your wholesaler price **\$15.67**

Then select the Drug Information tab

Under General Indication, click on the **Premium Cost/unit** box and type in 0 (zero)

Then select Exit and 'YES' to save changes

HealthSoft Support Team

Toniq Users:

QUICKCARD MDS pregnancy test – fully subsidised.

Make this change in TONIQ **after** you have run the medicine update on the 1st. Alternatively you can download a new medicine file **before** the 1st which will have the subsidy error corrected. If you download a new file after you have run the medicine update, re-run it.

To ensure full subsidy status on QUICKCARD MDS by removing the patient part charge and reducing standard wholesale price go to:

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