

20 August 2010

Agreement with Regional Health approved

PHARMAC is pleased to announce the approval of an agreement with Regional Health Limited for a range of radiological contrast media. This was the subject of a consultation letter dated 30 July 2010¹.

Details of the change

The CT Plus+ brand of barium sulphate will be listed on Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 September 2010, and Multihance and loscan will continue to be listed, with a small price increase for loscan. Details of these listings are as follows:

Chemical	Presentation	Brand	Pack size	Price
Gadobendate dimeglumine	Solution for injection, 0.5 g per L, 10 mL	MultiHance	10	\$324.74
Gadobendate dimeglumine	Solution for injection, 0.5 g per L, 20 mL	MultiHance	10	\$636.28
Sodium diatrizoate	Oral solution, 3.705 g per 10 mL sachet	loscan	50	\$156.12
Barium sulphate	Oral suspension, 2.2%, 250 mL bottle	CT Plus+	24	\$175.00
Barium sulphate	Oral suspension, 2.2%, 450 mL bottle	CT Plus+	24	\$220.00

None of the products would have Hospital Supply Status.

Feedback received

We appreciate all of the feedback that we received and acknowledge the time people took to respond. All consultation responses received by 12 August 2010 were considered in their entirety in making a decision on the proposed changes. All of the responses were supportive of the proposal.

More information

If you have any questions about this decision, you can call our toll free number (9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday) on 0800 66 00 50.

¹ Available at <http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/consultation>