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To **All New Zealand Pharmacies, IPA Pharmacy Facilitators and Wholesalers**
Fax **Autodial**
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Subject **Close Control monthly for oestriol cream and pessaries**
Date **8 March 2011** **Pages 2**

Dear Pharmacist and Wholesaler

Due to a short supply of oestriol (Ovestin) cream 1 mg per g with applicator, PHARMAC's Chief Executive has approved the following temporary provision for stat prescriptions.

- From 8 March 2011 until further notice, a prescription for **oestriol (Ovestin) cream 1 mg per g with applicator, 15 g OP or oestriol (Ovestin) pessaries 500 µg** will not require annotation by the prescriber to be dispensed Close Control monthly.
- From 8 March 2011 until further notice, Pharmacists will be reimbursed all dispensing fees for prescriptions for oestriol (Ovestin) cream 1 mg per g with applicator, 15 g OP or oestriol (Ovestin) pessaries 500 µg that are dispensed Close Control monthly.
- Upon notice of the ending of the Close Control period, the remainder of repeats for a prescription for oestriol (Ovestin) cream 1 mg per g with applicator, 15 g OP or oestriol (Ovestin) pessaries 500 µg first dispensed Close Control monthly 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 dispensed Close Control for audit purposes.
- Instructions on how to amend pharmacy software systems have been provided.

LOTS Users

Close Control dispensing of "stat" medicine due to short supply

During this short supply period, if you are dispensing Ovestin cream 1 mg per g with applicator, 15 g OP or Ovestin 0.5mg (500 mcg) pessaries as repeats, follow the prompt. i.e. say "Yes" to mark as Close Control. Make sure you also manually annotate the prescription.

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If you would like to add a Dispensary Message to remind staff that these are now Close Control, go to the 'Ovestin cream 1 mg per g with applicator, 15 g OP' and 'Ovestin 0.5mg pessaries' Stockcards, then to the Drug Information tab and click in the 'User Dispensary Message' field. You will need to remove the message when it comes off Close Control.

TONIQ Users

Setting 'short supply' close control monthly rule in Tonic (Tuesday 8th March 2011)

NB: Short supply Close Control monthly prompts must be setup (and lifted) manually in response to PHARMAC notification.

From the Dispensary program's main menu.

1. Prescriptions

- F7 Med

Select pcode	767441 <Enter> OVESTIN crm 1 mg per g with applicator 767468 <Enter> OVESTIN pessaries 500 µg
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Set limited stock close control – parameters.	
Set START Date : 08/03/11 Set Rule to monthly. <i>PHARMAC will notify by fax when stock is no longer short.</i> <i>WHEN this happens set the end date I to reflect the end of pharmacist endorsed close control on these meds in Tonic. .</i>	Limited stock close control Start date 8/03/11 End date / / Rule monthly
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Thank you for your co-operation. We appreciate this is a disruption but thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50 (9am-5pm Monday to Friday).

Yours sincerely



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