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July 2011 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch (4 pages)

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **July 2011** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) to change or remove your contact details.

SYMBICORT AND OXIS CLARIFICATION

Due to the recent subsidy changes for Oxis and Symbicort Turbuhaler (all strengths) an endorsement now applies from 1 July 2011. Our intention is to ensure that all current patients who have received a subsidised prescription or who have been dispensed Symbicort or Oxis prior to the 1st of July 2011 remain fully funded. This measure will be in place while PHARMAC takes time to consider options for managing subsidies for these medicines on an ongoing basis.

Patients who have had prior Special Authority approvals and dispensing before 1 July 2011 will be entitled to full subsidy as long as the prescription is endorsed by the pharmacist or the doctor.

- If a patient has a subsidised prescription that was initiated prior to 1 July 2011, the repeats are fully subsidised.
- For those patients who have had prior subsidised dispensing to 1 July 2011 and who have a current Special Authority (Symbicort only) and present with a new prescription for Oxis or Symbicort after 1 July 2011 the pharmacist may annotate the prescription to indicate the patient has had prior dispensings of (Oxis or Symbicort).
- For new patients to *your pharmacy* that have had Symbicort and/or Oxis dispensed fully subsidised prior to 1 July 2011 the pharmacist must contact the prescriber or previous pharmacy to verify prescribing history. A record of this must be kept electronically on the patients file and the script must be annotated accordingly.
- Patients with a new Special Authority number (Symbicort only) and a prescription for Symbicort and/or Oxis *dated before 1 July* will be entitled to fully subsidy with endorsement, even if the prescription is presented to the pharmacy after 1 July 2011
- Patients who have no history of either Oxis or Symbicort (i.e. new patients) and who have a prescription dated after 1 July 2011 will only be entitled to the partially subsidy and a part charge will apply. Patients will still require a valid Special Authority approval to access the partial subsidy.

New listings

- Clindamycin (Dalacin C) inj phosphate 150 mg per ml, 4 ml, 10 inj pack – Retail pharmacy – Specialist (p'code 2387131)
- Dabigatran (Pradaxa) cap 75 mg (p'code 2319586), 110 mg (p'code 2377578) and 150 mg (p'code 2377551), 60 cap OP's – will not be funded Close Control in amounts less than 4 weeks of treatment – cap 75 mg no more than 2 cap per day
- Fludarabine phosphate (Fludarabine Ebewe) inj 50 mg – PCT only – Specialist (p'code 2386933)
- Mycophenolate mofetil (Ceptolate) cap 250 mg (p'code 2380382) and tab 500 mg (p'code 2380390) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Nicotine (Habitrol) gum 384 piece pack – up to 384 pieces of gum available on a PSO – nicotine will not be funded Close Control in amounts less than 4 weeks of treatment
 - Gum 2 mg (classic) (p'code 2385333)

- Gum 2 mg (fruit) (p'code 2381354)
- Gum 2 mg (mint) (p'code 2381346)
- Gum 4 mg (classic) (p'code 2385341)
- Gum 4 mg (fruit) (p'code 2381338)
- Gum 4 mg (mint) (p'code 2381311)
- Olanzapine pamoate monohydrate (Zyprexa Relprevv) inj 210 mg (p'code 2337339), 300 mg (p'code 2337347) and 405 mg (p'code 2337355) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Omeprazole (Midwest) powder 5 g – only in combination – only in extemporaneously compounded omeprazole suspension (p'code 2387085)
- Paracetamol with codeine (Relieve) tab paracetamol 500 mg with codeine phosphate 8 mg (p'code 2383454)
- Permethrin (Lyderm) crm 5%, 30 g OP (p'code 479233)
- Pyridoxine hydrochloride (PyridoxADE) tab 25 mg – no more than 100 mg per dose – only on a prescription - no patient co-payment payable (p'code 2386372)
- Raloxifene hydrochloride (Evista) tab 60 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 237523)
- Teriparatide (Forteo) inj 250 µg per ml, 2.4 ml – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2222906)

Changes to restrictions

- Alendronate sodium (Fosamax) tab 70 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Alendronate sodium with cholecalciferol (Fosamax Plus) tab 70 mg with cholecalciferol 5, 600 iu – amended Special Authority criteria
- Budesonide with eformoterol (Symbicort Turbuhaler) all presentations – higher subsidy with endorsement
- Docetaxel (Docetaxel Ebewe, Taxotere and Baxter) inj 20 mg, inj 80 mg and inj 1 mg for ECP – removal of Special Authority
- Eformoterol fumarate (Oxis Turbuhaler) powder for inhalation, 6 µg per dose, breath activated – higher subsidy with endorsement
- Fluconazole (Pacific) cap 150 mg – amended endorsement
- Lignocaine hydrochloride (Xylocaine Viscous) viscous soln 2% – amended presentation description
- Nictoine (Habitrol) all strengths of patches, lozenge and gum – available on PSO
- Omeprazole suspension – change to Standard Formulae
- Vancomycin hydrochloride (Mylan) inj 500 mg – amended presentation description and brand name change
- Varenicline tartrate (Champix) tab 1 mg and 0.5 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Zoledronic acid (Aclasta) soln for infusion 5 mg in 100 ml – amended Special Authority criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Amoxicillin clavulanate	Tab amoxicillin 500 mg with potassium clavulanate 125 mg	Synermox
Ketoprofen	Cap long-acting 100 mg and 200 mg	Oruvail SR
Tetracosactrin	Inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml	Synacthen Depot
Tiaprofenic acid	Tab 300 mg	Surgam

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Amantadine hydrochloride	Cap 100 mg	Symmetrel	
Anastrozole	Tab 1 mg	Aremed Arimidex DP-Anastrozole**	
Aqueous cream	Crm, 500 g	AFT	
Bendrofluazide	Tab 2.5 mg Tab 5 mg	Arrow-Bendrofluazide Arrow-Bendrofluazide	
Budesonide with eformoterol	Aerosol inhaler 100 µg with eformoterol fumarate 6 µg Aerosol inhaler 200 µg with eformoterol fumarate 6 µg	Vannair Vannair	
Budsonde with eformoterol	Powder for inhalation 100 µg with eformoterol fumarate 6 µg Powder for inhalation 200 µg with eformoterol fumarate 6 µg Powder for inhalation 400 µg with eformoterol fumarate 12 µg		Symbicort Turbuhaler* Symbicort Turbuhaler* Symbicort Turbuhaler*
Cetirizine hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg	Zetop	
Chlorhexidine gluconate	Soln 4%	Orion	
Citalopram hydrobromide	Tab 20 mg	Arrow-Citalopram	
Compound electrolytes	Powder for soln for oral use 5 g	Electral Enerlyte**	
Cyproterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol	Tab 2 mg with ethinyloestradiol 35 µg and 7 inert tabs	Ginet 84	
Desmopressin	Nasal spray 10 µg per dose, 6 ml OP	Desmopressin-PH&T	
Dextrose	Inj 50%, 10 ml	Biomed	
Docetaxel	Ini 20 mg Inj 80 mg Inj 1 mg for ECP	Docetaxel Ebewe** Taxotere Docetaxel Ebewe** Taxotere Baxter	
Docusate sodium	Cap 50 mg Cap 120 mg	Laxofast 50 Laxofast 120	
Doxycycline hydrochloride	Tab 100 mg	Doxine	
Eformoterol fumarate	Powder for inhalation, 6 µg per dose, breath activated		Oxis*

Emulsifying ointment	Oint BP, 500 g	AFT	
Fentanyl citrate	Inj 50 µg per ml, 2 ml Inj 50 µg per ml, 10 ml	Boucher and Muir Boucher and Muir	Hospira Hospira
Gliclazide	Tab 80 mg	Apo-Gliclazide	
Glyceryl trinitrate	TDDS 10 mg	Nitroderm TTS	
Hyoscine n-butylbromide	Tab 10 mg	Gastrosoothe	
Ketoconazole	Shampoo 2%, 100 ml OP	Sebizole	
Mesalazine	Suppos 500 mg	Asacol	
Neostigmine	Inj 2.5 mg per ml, 1 ml	AstraZeneca	
Nicotinic acid	Tab 50 mg Tab 500 mg	Apo-Nicotinic Acid Apo-Nicotinic Acid	
Nifedipine	Tab long-acting 30 mg Tab long-acting 60 mg	Adefin XL Arrow-Nifedipine XR** Adefin XL Arrow-Nifedipine XR**	Adalat Oros Adalat Oros
Norfloxacin	Tab 400 mg	Arrow-Norfloxacin	
Omeprazole	Inj 40 mg	Dr Reddy's Omeprazole	
Pantoprazole	Inj 40 mg	Pantocid IV	
Paracetamol	Oral liq 250 mg per 5 ml 1,000 ml	Paracare Double Strength	
Permethrin	Lotn 5 %, 30 ml OP	A-Scabies	
Pyridostigmine bromide	Tab 60 mg	Mestinon	
Pyridoxine hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg	Apo-Pyridoxine	
Ranitidine hydrochloride	Oral liq 150 mg per 10 ml	Peptisoothe	
Ranitidine hydrochloride	Tab 150 mg Tab 300 mg	Arrow-Ranitidine Arrow-Ranitidine	
Simvastatin	Tab 10 mg Tab 20 mg Tab 40 mg Tab 80 mg	Arrow-Simva 10mg Arrow-Simva 20mg Arrow-Simva 40mg Arrow-Simva 80mg	
Tobramycin	Inj 40 mg per ml, 2 ml	DBL Tobramycin	
Tolcapone	Tab 100 mg	Tasmar	
Tramadol hydrochloride	Cap 50 mg	Arrow-Tramadol	
Triamcinolone acetonide	0.1% in Dental Paste USP	Oracort	
Vancomycin hydrochloride	Inj 500 mg	Mylan	
Zopiclone	Tab 7.5 mg	Apo-Zopiclone	

* Higher subsidy by endorsement

** Price and subsidy change on this brand only

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.