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

From **PHARMAC**

Subject **Prazosin hydrochloride – removal of pharmacist endorsed Close
Control**

Date **14 October 2011**

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Dear Pharmacist / Wholesaler

Due to stock shortages, PHARMAC implemented monthly Close Control with pharmacist annotation on prazosin hydrochloride tablets 1 mg and 2 mg from 15 February 2010. The stock situation has been resolved and PHARMAC is now providing notice that from **Monday 17 October 2011**, all new prescriptions for prazosin hydrochloride tablets 1 mg and 2 mg (Apo-Prazo) are to be dispensed stat (3 monthly) unless endorsed by a prescriber that dispensing should be more frequent via the Close Control rule.

Apo-Prazo 1 mg tablets are now back in the market. Supplies of Apo-Prazo 2 mg tablets are expected to be available in November.

Please note that if a prescription has eligible/subsidised repeats for prazosin hydrochloride first dispensed Close Control monthly between **15 February 2010 and 16 October 2011**, the repeats 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 and repeats that continue to be dispensed Close Control monthly for audit purposes.

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

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



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Toniq Users:

How to terminate 'short supply' Close Control monthly rule in Toniq

From the Dispensary program's main menu.

1. Prescriptions

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Lots users:

Please go to the Apo Prazo 1 mg and 2 mg tablets Stockcards (PLU#2265397, 2265389) and click on the Drug information Tab and remove the messages in the 'HealthSoft Disp Msg' box.