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

From **PHARMAC**

Subject **Oestriol cream and pessaries– removal of pharmacist endorsed Close
Control**

Date **27 October 2011**

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Dear Pharmacist / Wholesaler

Due to stock shortages, PHARMAC implemented monthly Close Control with pharmacist annotation on oestriol cream 1 mg per g with applicator and pessaries 500 µg from 8 March 2011. The stock situation has been resolved and PHARMAC is now providing notice that from **Friday 28 October 2011**, all new prescriptions for oestriol cream and pessaries (Ovestin) are to be dispensed stat (3 monthly) unless endorsed by a prescriber that dispensing should be more frequent via the Close Control rule.

Oestriol cream and pessaries (Ovestin) are back in the market and we have confirmed continuation of supply from the manufacturer.

Please note that if a prescription has eligible/subsidised repeats for oestriol cream or pessaries first dispensed Close Control monthly between **8 March 2011 and 27 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

Dispense these medicines as 'Stat supply' unless the prescriber has annotated the script with Close Control. i.e. Only say yes to the 'Close Control' prompt if the script is annotated 'Close Control' by the prescriber.

There is no need to change anything in the stockcards.