

17 November 2011

December 2011 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Calcium carbonate (Arrow-Calcium) tab 1.25 g (500 mg elemental) (p'code 2390639)
- Amlodipine (Apo-Amlodipine) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2352486)
- Metoprolol tartrate (Lopresor) inj 1 mg per ml, 5 ml (p'code 2395959)
- Betamethasone dipropionate with calcipotriol (Daivobet) oint 500 µg with calcipotriol 50 µg, 30 g OP (p'code 2170914), and topical gel 500 µg with calcipotriol 50 µg, 30 g OP (p'code 2392070)
- Methylprednisolone sodium succinate (Solu-Medrol) inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml (p'code 2394227), and inj 62.5 mg per ml, 2 ml (p'code 2394219), 1 inj packs – Retail pharmacy - Specialist
- Methylprednisolone sodium succinate (Solu-Medrol) inj 500 mg – new pharmacode only (p'code 2394235)
- Ibuprofen (Arrowcare) tab 200 mg (p'code 2390582)
- Paclitaxel (Paclitaxel Actavis) inj 100 mg (p'code 2394561), 150 mg (p'code 2394588) and 300 mg (p'code 2394596) – PCT only – Specialist
- Spacer device (Space Chamber Plus) 230 ml (single patient) (p'code 2393778)

Changes to restrictions

- Dentist prescriptions – period of supply extended for prescription medicines, not controlled drugs.
- Exoxaparin sodium (Clexane) inj 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 120 mg and 150 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Losartan (Cozaar and Lostaar) tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg, and (Arrow-Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide and Hyzaar) tab 50 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg – removal of Special Authority
- Condoms (Durex Extra Safe) 56 mm – removal of reference to extra strength
- Fluconazole (Ozole and Pacific) cap 150 mg – maximum of 1 cap per prescription can be waived by endorsement of Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Lignocaine with or without chlorhexidine (Pfizer) gel 2%, 10 ml urethral syringes – addition of endorsement “only subsidised for urethral or cervical administration”
- Spacer device autoclavable (Space Chamber) 230 ml (autoclavable) – reduced quantity of 5 devices available on a PSO
- Extemporaneously compounded oral liquid mixtures – references have been added to various pharmaceuticals where standardised formula exist for compounding with Ora products.

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Calcium carbonate	Tab 1.25 g (500 mg elemental) Tab 1.50 g (600 mg elemental)	Calci Tab Arrowcare-Calcium Calci Tab	
Losartan	Tab 12.5 mg Tab 25 mg Tab 50 mg Tab 100 mg	Lostaar Lostaar Lostaar Lostaar	Cozaar Cozaar Cozaar Cozaar
Losartan with hydrochlorothiazide	Tab 50mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg	Arrow-Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide	Hyzaar
Calcipotriol	Crn 50 µg per g (30 g OP and 100 g OP) Oint 50 µg per g (100 g OP) Soln 50 µg per ml (30 ml OP)	Daivonex Daivonex Daivonex	
Ciprofloxacin	Tab 250 mg Tab 500 mg Tab 750 mg	Cipflox Cipflox Cipflox	Rex Medical Rex Medical Rex Medical
Allopurinol	Tab 100 mg (250 tab pack) Tab 300 mg (100 tab pack)	Apo-Allopurinol (1,000 tab pack) Apo-Allopurinol (500 tab pack)	Apo-Allopurinol (250 tab pack) Apo-Allopurinol (100 tab pack)
Paracetamol	Oral liq 120 mg per 5 ml	Paracare Junior	
Mask for spacer device	Size 2	EZ-fit Paediatric Mask	
Peak flow meter	Low Range Normal Range	Breath-Alert Breat-Alert	
Glycerin with sodium saccharin	Suspension	Ora-Sweet SF	
Glycerin with sucrose	Suspension	Ora-Sweet	
Methylcellulose	Suspension	Ora-Plus	
Methylcellulose with glycerin and sodium saccharin	Suspension	Ora-Blend SF	
Methylcellulose with glycerin and sucrose	Suspension	Ora-Blend	

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Testosterone cypionate	Inj long-acting 100 mg per ml, 10 ml	Depo-Testosterone

Special Authority System Planned Outage – note this includes SA Look-Up for Pharmacy

Outage commences: Friday 18 November, 6:00pm
Outage ends: Sunday 20 November, 3:00pm

What Is Happening

The Ministry of Health Special Authority Maintenance Project is working toward upgrading the Web Services platform for the Special Authority web based systems. The upgraded online web services, and system enhancements are now ready to go live. Therefore the scheduled outage is to commence on Friday 18 November 2011.

When is this happening?**Outage Dates****Special Authority Maintenance Release – This includes Special Authority Look-Up by Pharmacy**

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Outage ends: Sunday 20 November 2011, 3:00pm

For more information

If you experience any system issues on Monday 21 November 2011, please contact the Ministry of Health helpdesk on **0800 505 125**, or onlinehelpdesk@moh.govt.nz to escalate the issue for resolution.

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.