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March 2013 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **March 2013** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Sildenafil (Silagra) tab 25 mg (p'code 2390523) and 50 mg (p'code 2390558) – Retail pharmacy – Special Authority
- Gentamicin sulphate (APP Pharmaceuticals) inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml - Subsidy by endorsement (p'code 2433362)
- Pramipexole hydrochloride (Dr Reddy's Pramipexole) tab 1 mg (p'code 2384884)
- Oxycodone hydrochloride (OxyNorm) inj 50 mg per ml, 1 ml (p'code 2377144)
- Flutamide (Flutamin S29) tab 250 mg (p'code 2432714)
- Pharmacy Services (BSF Accarb, p'code 2433486; BSF Zetlam, p'code 2433257; BSF Alphapharm, p'code 2433494 & BSF Entapone, p'code 2433249) - brand switch fee

Changes to restrictions

- Acarbose (Accarb) addition of brand switch fee payable
- Blood glucose diagnostic test strip (Accu-Chek Performa and Freestyle Optium) – new Special Authority
- Sildenafil - change to Special Authority
- Ethinyloestradiol with levonorgestrel (Ava 30 ED) – removal of brand switch fee payable
- Ethambutol hydrochloride (Myambutol) – addition of S29
- Lamivudine (Zetlam) – addition of brand switch fee payable
- Zidovudine [AZT] with lamivudine (Alphapharm) – addition of brand switch fee payable
- Entacapone (Entapone) – addition of brand switch fee payable
- Extension of BSF on Caresens N, Caresens N POP and Caresens II

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Blood ketone diagnostic test meter	Meter	Freestyle Optium
Ketone blood beta-ketone electrodes	Test strip	Freestyle Optium Ketone
Blood glucose diagnostic test strip	Blood glucose test strip	Accu-Chek Performa (subject to Special Authority criteria) Freestyle Optium (subject to Special Authority criteria)
Danthron with poloxamer	Oral liq 25 mg with poloxamer 200 mg per 5 ml	Pinorax
Danthron with poloxamer	Oral liq 75 mg with poloxamer 1 g per 5 ml	Pinorax Forte
Betamethasone valerate	Crn 0.1 % Oint 0.1 % Scalp app 0.1%	Beta Cream Beta Ointment Beta Scalp
Clobetasol propionate	Crn 0.05% Oint 0.05% Scalp app 0.05%	Dermol Dermol Dermol
Trimethoprim	Tab 300 mg	TMP
Baclofen	Tab 10 mg	Pacifen

Tamoxifen citrate	Tab 10 mg	Genox
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Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidized brands	Partially subsidized brands
Diclofenac sodium	Tab EC 50 mg	Apo-Diclo*	Diclofenac Sandoz
Domperidone	Tab 10 mg	Prokinex*	Motilium
Doxorubicin	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter	
Promethazine hydrochloride	Oral liq 5 mg per 5 ml	Allersoothe*	Promethazine Winthrop Elixir

* no subsidy changes for these brands