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### August 2013 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

### New listings

- Prednisone (Apo-Prednisone S29) tab 1 mg (p'code 2443066) – Section 29
- Progesterone (Utrogestan) cap 100 mg (p'code 2086905) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Oxycodone hydrochloride (Oxycodone BNM) tab controlled-release 10 mg (p'code 2440288), 20 mg (p'code 2440296), 40 mg (p'code 2440318) and 80 mg (p'code 2440326)
- Quetiapine (Dr Reddy's Quetiapine) tab 100 mg (p'code 2406640) – 90 tab pack size
- Bupropion hydrochloride (Zyban) tab modified-release 150 mg (p'code 2439743) – new Pharmacode
- Macrogol 400 and propylene glycol (Systane Unit Dose) eye drops 0.4% and propylene glycol 0.3%, 0.4 ml (p'code 2378817) – Special Authority- Retail pharmacy
- Carbomer (Poly-Gel) ophthalmic gel 0.3%, 0.5 g (p'code 2181827) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Oral Feed 2 kcal/ml (Two Cal HN) liquid (vanilla) 200 ml OP (p'code 2443228) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – Higher subsidy by Endorsement

### Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Insulin pump infusion set (steel cannula) – amended restriction
- Insulin pump infusion set (teflon cannula, angle insertion with insertion device) – amended restriction
- Insulin pump infusion set (teflon cannula, angle insertion) – amended restriction
- Insulin pump infusion set (teflon cannula, straight insertion with insertion device) – amended restriction
- Insulin pump infusion set (teflon cannula, straight insertion) – amended restriction
- Insulin pump reservoir – amended restriction
- Perindopril (Coversyl) tab 2 mg and 4 mg - Higher subsidy by Endorsement
- Diltiazem (Apo-Diltiazem CD) cap long-acting 120 mg, 180 mg 240 mg – removal of brand switch fee payable
- Hydrocortisone (Solu-Cortef) inj 100 mg vial - change to presentation description.
- Prednisone (Apo-Prednisone and Apo-Prednisone S29) tab 1 mg – reinstate STAT
- Cephalexin monohydrate - amendment of chemical name to cefalexin monohydrate
- Neostigmine – amendment of chemical name to neostigmine metilsulfate
- Alendronate for Osteoporosis – Special Authority note amendment
- Raloxifene hydrochloride (Evista) – Special Authority note amendment
- Zoledronic acid (Aclasta) – Special Authority note amendment
- Fentanyl citrate – amendment of chemical name to fentanyl
- Mianserin hydrochloride (Tolvon) tab 30mg – removal of Special Authority

- Olanzapine pamoate monohydrate (Zyprexa Relprevv) inj 210 mg, 300 mg and 405 mg – amendment of chemical name to olanzapine
- Buspirone hydrochloride (Pacific Buspirone) tab 5 mg and 10 mg – removal of Special Authority
- Naltrexone hydrochloride (Naltraccord) tab 50 mg – Special Authority amendment
- Dacarbazine (Hospira) inj 200 mg **vial** – amendment of presentation description
- Mesna (Uromexitan) inj 100 mg per ml, 4 ml and 10ml **ampoule** – amendment of presentation description
- Mitomycin C (Arrow) inj 5 mg **vial** – amendment of presentation description
- Hypromellose (Poly-Tears) – amendment of chemical name to hypromellose with dextran and amended presentation description
- Adult Products High Calorie amended to High Calorie Products

### Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Warfarin sodium	Tab 1 mg, 3 mg and 5 mg	Marevan Coumadin*	
Perindopril	Tab 2 mg and 4 mg	Coversyl – Higher subsidy by Endorsement Apo-Perindopril*	
Nifedipine	Tab long-acting 20mg	Nyefax Retard	
Hydrocortisone	Inj 100 mg vial	Solu-Cortef	
Zidovudine [AZT]	Cap 100 mg and oral liq 10 mg per ml	Retrovir	
Colchicine	Tab 500 mcg	Colgout	
Dantrolene	Cap 25 mg and 50 mg	Dantrium	
Haloperidol	Tab 500 mcg, 1.5 mg and 5 mg; oral liq 2 mg per ml and inj 5 mg per ml, 1 ml	Serenace	
Mercaptopurine	Tab 50 mg	Puri-nethol	
Dacarbazine	Inj 200 mg vial Inj 200 mg for ECP	Hospira Baxter	
Mesna	Tab 400 mg and 600 mg; and inj 100 mg per ml, 4 ml amp and 10 mg per ml, 10 ml amp Inj 1 mg for ECP	Uromitexan  Baxter	
Mitomycin C	Inj 5 mg vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Arrow Baxter	

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Indapamide	Tab 2.5 mg	Dapa-Tabs	
Cefalexin monohydrate	Cap 500 mg	Cephalexin ABM	
Clindamycin	Cap hydrochloride 150 mg	Clindamycin ABM	
Itraconazole	Cap 100 mg	Itrazole	
Interferon beta-1-alpha	Inj 6 million iu per vial Inj 6 million iu per prefilled syringe Inj 6 million iu 0.5 ml pen injector	Avonex	
Naltrexone hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg	Naltraccord	
Hypromellose with dextran	Eye drops 0.3% with dextran 0.1%	Poly-Tears	

\* no subsidy changes for these brands

**Coversyl – temporary higher subsidy by endorsement**

Patient receiving higher subsidy by endorsement for the Coversyl brand of perindopril prior to 1 May 2013 will be able to access this subsidy from 1 August 2013. The higher subsidy by endorsement will be available for a 2 month period to be ending 30 September 2013.

**Prednisone 1 mg tablets out-of-stock**

Prednisone (Apo-Prednisone) 1 mg tablets, supplied by Apotex, is temporarily out-of-stock due to manufacturing issues. Resupply is expected in August/September 2013. In the meantime, Apotex have sourced Canadian packaged stock which will be supplied under Section 29 of the Medicines Act 1981 and will be listed fully funded from 1 August 2013. The STAT symbol will also be re-instated to prednisone 1 mg tablets. If a Pharmacist considers monthly dispensing is required, they may dispense monthly under Rule 4.2 of the Dispensing Frequency Rule.