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January 2014 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **January 2014** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Acipimox (Olbetam s29) cap 250 mg – S29 (p'code 2451905)
- Amoxicillin (Apo-Amoxi) cap 250 mg (p'code 383015) – available on a PSO
- Carbimazole (AFT) tab 5 mg – S29 (p'code 2451034)
- Ceftriaxone (Ceftriaxone-AFT) inj 500 mg vial (p'code 2400820) and 1 g vial (p'code 2428644) – subsidy by endorsement – available on a PSO
- Cilazapril with hydrochlorothiazide (Apo-Cilazapril/Hydrochlorothiazide) tab 5 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg (p'code 2443058)
- Diltiazem hydrochloride (Cardizem CD) cap long-acting 120 mg (p'code 344621)
- Eltrombopag (Revolade) tab 25 mg (p'code 2391406) and 50 mg (p'code 2391414) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – Wastage claimable
- Pancreatic enzyme (Creon 25000) cap EC 25,000 BP u lipase, 18,000 BP u amylase, 1,000 BP u protease (p'code 2451042)
- Pharmacy Services (BSF Oxydone BNM) brand switch fee (p'code 2451794)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Bimatoprost (Lumigan) eye drops 0.3% - removal of Retail pharmacy - Specialist
- Blood ketone diagnostic test meter (Freestyle Optium) – amendment to restriction
- Ceftriaxone inj 500 mg and 1 g vial – amendment of chemical name and presentation description
- Erlotinib (Tarceva) tab 100 mg and 150 mg - amendment of chemical name and Special Authority criteria
- Fluticasone with salmeterol (Seretide and Seretide Accuhaler) – removal of Special Authority
- Ketoconazole (Nizoral) tab 200 mg – addition of S29
- Latanoprost (Hysite) eye drops 50 mcg per ml, 2.5 ml - removal of Retail pharmacy - Specialist
- Oxycodone hydrochloride (Oxydone BNM) tab controlled-release 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg and 80 mg – addition of brand switch fee.
- Travoprost (Travatan) eye drops 0.004% - removal of Retail pharmacy - Specialist

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Aspirin	Tab dispersible 300 mg	Ethics Aspirin	
Azathioprine	Inj 50 mg	Imuran	

Lorazepam	Tab 1 mg and 2.5 mg	Ativan	
Phenoxymethylpenicillin (Penicillin V)	Cap potassium salt 250 mg and 500 mg	Cilicaine VK	
Sodium citro-tartrate	Grans eff 4 g sachet	Ural	

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Alprazolam	Tab 500 mcg	Xanax*	Arrow-Alprazolam
Aspirin	Tab 100 mg	Ethics Aspirin EC	
Bosentan	Tab 62.5 mg and 125 mg	pms-Bosentan Tracleer*	
Erlotinib	Tan 100 mg and 150 mg	Tarceva	
Ethinylestradiol with levonorgestrel	Tab 20 mcg with levonorgestrel 100 mcg and 7 inert tab	Ava 20 ED	
Ethinylestradiol with levonorgestrel	Tab 30 mcg with levonorgestrel 150 mcg and 7 inert tab	Ava 30 ED	
Ibuprofen	Oral liq 20 mg per ml	Fenpaed	
Ondansetron	Tab 4 mg	Onrex*	Dr Reddy's Ondansetron
Ondansetron	Tab 8 mg	Dr Reddy's Ondansetron Onrex*	
Paroxetine hydrochloride	Tab 20 mg	Loxamine 90 pack-size*	

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 January 2014.

Courier bags for returned blood glucose meters

We have been providing pharmacies with courier bags to return previously funded blood glucose meters no longer required by patients and arranging responsible disposal of them.

If you still have meters to return, you can request a further courier bag by phoning us on 0800 660 050. We will continue to provide this service until 1 February 2014. To assist the return, please ensure that you return any meters to PHARMAC by 1 February 2014 and that only meters are put into the bags. Please do not include cases and other accessories.