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April 2014 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Azathioprine (Azamun) tab 50 mg (p'code 390003) – Retail pharmacy - Specialist
- Diltiazem hydrochloride (Cardizem CD) cap long-acting 180 mg (p'code 254584) and 240 mg (p'code 254592)
- Imatinib mesilate (Imatinib-AFT) cap 100 mg (p'code 2449285) – no patient co-payment payable
- Imipramine hydrochloride (Tofranil) tab 10 mg (p'code 2452804)
- Maprotiline hydrochloride (Ludiomil) tab 25 mg (p'code 2449293)
- Methotrexate (Trexate) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2404494) and 10 mg (p'code 2404508) – PCT – Retail pharmacy
- Oral feed (powder) (Ensure) powder (chocolate) 850 g OP (p'code 2453991) – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy – [HP3]

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Acipimox (Olbetam) cap 250 mg - removal of s29
- Diltiazem hydrochloride cap long-acting 180 mg and 240 mg – removal of stat
- Diltiazem hydrochloride tab 30 mg and 60 mg – removal of stat
- Oxycodone hydrochloride – removal of Prescribing Guideline

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Betahistine dihydrochloride	Tab 16 mg	Vergo 16	
Dexamethasone phosphate	Inj 4 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule Inj 4 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	Dexamethasone-hameln*	Hospira
Fluoxetine hydrochloride	Cap 20 mg	Arrow-Fluoxetine*	Fluox
Prochlorperazine	Tab 5 mg	Antinaus	

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

Zopiclone 30 tablet pack size delisting

The 30 tablet pack size of Apo-Zopiclone 7.5 mg tablets will be delisted and Sole Subsidised Supply will be reinstated for the 500 tablet pack size from 1 May 2014. The 30 tablet pack size was listed temporarily.