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### June 2014 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

#### New listings

- Compound hydroxybenzoate (Midwest) soln (p'code 2460149) – only in combination
- Febuxostat (Adenuric) tab 80 mg (p'code 2425580) and 120 mg (p'code 2425599) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Oxycodone hydrochloride (BNM) tab controlled-release 10 mg (p'code 2452707) and 20 mg (p'code 2452715) – only on a controlled drug form – No patient co-payment payable
- Paediatric oral feed (Pediasure) powder (vanilla), 850 g OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2457652)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Apo-Cilazapril/Hydrochlorothiazide) brand switch fee (p'code 2459299)
- Renal enteral feed 1.8 kcal/ml (Nepro HP RTH) liquid, 500 ml OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2457776)
- Renal oral feed 1.8 kcal/ml (Nepro HP (strawberry)) liquid, 220 ml OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2457768)
- Renal oral feed 1.8 kcal/ml (Nepro HP (vanilla)) liquid, 220 ml OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2457741)

#### Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Atenolol (Atenolol AFT) oral liq 25 mg per 5 ml – removal of s29
- Cilazapril with hydrochlorothiazide (Apo-Cilazapril/Hydrochlorothiazide) tab 5 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg – brand switch fee payable
- Phosphorus (Phosphate-Sandoz) tab eff 500 mg (16 mmol) – amendment to chemical name and presentation description
- Vancomycin oral solution (50 mg per ml) – addition of standard formulae
- Zopiclone (Apo-Zopiclone) tab 7.5 mg – addition to Safety Medicine List

#### Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Procarbazine hydrochloride	Cap 50 mg	Natulan	

#### Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Azathioprine	Tab 50 mg	Imuprine Azamun*	Azathioprine
Methotrexate	Tab 2.5 mg and 10 mg	Methoblastin Trexate*	

\* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 June 2014.

Pharmacists – let us know if you would prefer to receive the dispatch and pharmacy notifications via email rather an fax call 0800 66 00 50.

**Arrow-Venlafaxine XR – subsidy without Special Authority**

PHARMAC has received feedback that some pharmacies may be choosing to stock only the Efexor XR brand of venlafaxine, and are unwilling to supply Arrow-Venlafaxine XR upon presentation of a valid prescription.

A patient presenting a prescription for venlafaxine without a Special Authority approval for the Efexor XR brand is still eligible to receive the fully subsidised Arrow-Venlafaxine XR brand and this should be dispensed in accordance with the pharmacy's obligations under the Community Pharmacy Services Agreement. Pharmacies should maintain adequate stock of Arrow-Venlafaxine XR in order to be able to do this.

We will continue to monitor this situation and, if we continue to receive reports, will follow up with the relevant DHBs.