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October 2014 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Amoxicillin (Alphamox) grans for oral liq 125 mg per 5 ml (p'code 2465450) and 250 mg per 5 ml (p'code 2465469) – available on a PSO – wastage claimable
- Cyproterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol (Ginet) tab 2 mg with ethinyloestradiol 35 mcg and 7 inert tabs, 168 tab pack size – available on a PSO (p'code 2455455)
- Docetaxel (DBL Docetaxel) inj 20 mg (p'code 2440822) and 80 mg (p'code 2440830) – PCT only – Specialist
- Finasteride (Finpro) tab 5 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2466066)
- Glycerol (healthE Glycerol BP) liquid – Only in combination (p'code 2341026)
- Intra-uterine device IUD 29.1 mm length x 23.2 mm width (Choice TT380 Short) (p'code 2467151) and IUD 33.6 mm length x 29.9 mm width (Choice TT380 Standard) (p'code 2467178) – Only on a PSO
- Maprotiline hydrochloride (Ludiomil) tab 25 mg, 50 tab pack size – Safety medicine (p'code 2463210)
- Paracetamol with codeine (Paracetamol + Codeine (Relieve)) tab paracetamol 500 mg with codeine phosphate 8 mg, 1,000 tab pack size – Safety medicine (p'code 2461234)
- Potassium iodate (NeuroTabs) tab 253 mcg (150 mcg elemental iodine) (p'code 2439964)
- Risperidone (Actavis) tab 0.5 mg (p'code 2466899), 1 mg (p'code 2466902), 2 mg (p'code 2466910), 3 mg (p'code 2466929) and 4 mg (p'code 2466937) – Safety medicine

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Acitretin (Neotigason and Novatretin) cap 10 mg and 25 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Adalimumab inj 20 mg per 0.4 ml and 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled syringes (Humira) and inj 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled pen (HumiraPen) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Benzydamine hydrochloride (Difflam) soln 0.15% - addition of higher subsidy with Endorsement
- Bicalutamide (Bicalaccord) tab 50 mg – removal of Special Authority
- Cyproterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol (Ginet and Ginet 84) tab 2 mg with ethinyloestradiol 35 mcg and 7 inert tabs – increased PSO quantity
- Deferiprone (Ferriprox) tab 500 mg and oral liq 100 mg per 1 ml – amended Special Authority criteria
- Epoetin alfa [erythropoietin alfa] – amended chemical name
- Epoetin beta [erythropoietin beta] – amended chemical name

- Etanercept (Enbrel) inj 25 mg, 50 mg autoinjector and 50 mg prefilled syringe – amended Special Authority criteria
- Fluoxetine hydrochloride (Arrow-Fluoxetine) tab dispersible 20 mg, scored and cap 20 mg – removal of Brand Switch Fee
- Gabapentin (Arrow-Gabapentin and Nupentin) cap 100 mg, 300 mg and 400 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Hepatitis A vaccine inj 1440 ELISA units in 1 ml syringe (Havrix) and inj 720 ELISA units in 0.5 ml syringe (Havrix Junior) – amended restriction
- Hypoplastic and haemolytic (epoetin alfa [erythropoietin alfa] and epoetin beta [erythropoietin beta]) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Imatinib mesilate (Imatinib-AFT) cap 100 mg – removal of Brand Switch Fee
- Insulin pump – amended Special Authority criteria
- Insulin pump consumables – amended Special Authority criteria
- Isotretinoin (Oratane) cap 10 mg and 20 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Levothyroxine (Mercury Pharma) tab 50 mcg and 100 mcg – amended chemical name and Stat dispensing reinstated
- Macrogol 3350 with potassium chloride, sodium bicarbonate and sodium chloride (Lax-Sachets) powder for oral soln 13.125 g with potassium chloride 46.6 mg, sodium bicarbonate 178.5 mg and sodium chloride 350.7 mg – amended Special Authority criteria and maximum number of sachets subsidised per prescription increased
- Midodrine (Gutron) tab 2.5 mg and 5 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Mycophenolate mofetil (Cellcept) tab 500 mg, cap 250 mg and powder for oral liq 1 g per 5 ml – removal of Special Authority criteria
- Nicorandil (Ikorel) tab 10 mg and 20 mg – removal of Special Authority
- Perhexiline maleate (Pexsig) tab 100 mg – removal of Special Authority

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Antithymocyte globulin (equine)	Inj 50 mg per ml, 5 ml	ATGAM
Bleomycin sulphate	Inj 15,000 iu Inj 1,000 iu for ECP	DBL Bleomycin Sulfate Baxter
Carmustine	Inj 100 mg Inj 100 mg for ECP	BiCNU Baxter
Colestipol hydrochloride	Grans for oral liq 5 g	Colestid
Heaprin sodium	Inj 1,000 iu per ml, 5 ml, 50 inj pack size Inj 5,000 iu per ml, 5 ml, 50 inj pack size	Pfizer Pfizer
Heparinised saline	Inj 10 iu per ml, 5 ml	Pfizer
Hydrocortisone	Powder	ABM
Hydrocortisone with wool fat and mineral oil	Lotn 1% with wool fat hydrous 3% and mineral oil	DP Lotn HC
Misoprostol	Tab 200 mcg	Cytotec
Nitrazepam	Tab 5 mg	Nitrados
Oxazepam	Tab 10 mg Tab 15 mg	Ox-Pam Ox-Pam

Increased subsidy cont.

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Phenytoin sodium	Inj 50 mg per ml, 2 ml Inj 50 mg per ml, 5 ml Tab 50 mg Cap 30 mg Cap 100 mg Oral liq 30 mg per 5 ml	Hospira Hospira Dilantin Infatab Dilantin Dilantin Dilantin
Tar with triethanolamine lauryl sulphate and fluorescein	Soln 2.3% with triethanolamine lauryl sulphate and fluorescein sodium, 500 ml	Pinetarsol

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Flecainide acetate	Tab 100 mg	Tambocor	
Ketoconazole	Shampoo 2%	Sebizole	
Magnesium sulphate	Inj 2 mmol per ml, 5 ml ampoule	DBL*	Martindale
Paracetamol	Oral liq 120 mg per 5 ml	Paracare*	Ethics Paracetamol
Pramipexole hydrochloride	Tab 0.25 mg	Ramipex*	Dr Reddy's Pramipexole

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

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