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November 2014 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **November 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

- Amitriptyline (Arrow-Amitriptyline) tab 25 mg (p'code 2461250) and 50 mg (p'code 2461269) – safety medicine
- Amorolfine (MycONail) nail soln 5%, 5 ml OP – only on a prescription – not in combination (p'code 2461633)
- Deferasirox (Exjade) tab 125 mg, (p'code 2234769) 250 mg (p'code 2234777) and 500 mg dispersible (p'code 2234750) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – wastage claimable
- Docusate sodium (Coloxyl) tab 50 mg (p'code 252832) and 120 mg (p'code 252859) – only on a prescription
- Everolimus (Afinitor) tab 5 mg (p'code 2334860) and 10 mg (p'code 2334879) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – wastage claimable
- Fingolimod (Gilenya) cap 0.5 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – wastage claimable (p'code 2455153)
- Fluconazole (Diflucan S29) powder for oral suspension 10 mg per ml – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – wastage claimable (p'code 2469677)
- Fusidic acid (DP Fusidic Acid Cream) crm 2%, 15 g OP – maximum 15 g per prescription – only on a prescription – not in combination (p'code 2460130)
- Glycopyrronium (Seebri Breezhaler) powder for inhalation 50 mcg per dose, 30 dose OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – not subsidised if patient is receiving subsidised tiotropium (p'code 2465949)
- Granisetron (Granirex) tab 1 mg (p'code 2455447)
- Ibuprofen (Ibugesic) tab 200 mg (p'code 2455471)
- Losartan potassium (Losartan Actavis) tab 12.5 mg (p'code 2466856), 25 mg (p'code 2466864), 50 mg (p'code 2466872) and 100 mg (p'code 2466880)
- Indacaterol (Onbrez Breezhaler) powder for inhalation 150 mcg per dose (p'code 2465922) and 300 mcg per dose, 30 dose OP (p'code 2465930) – prescribing guideline
- Natalizumab (Tysabri) inj 20 mg per ml, 15 ml vial – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2467062)
- Nilotinib (Tasigna) cap 150 mg (p'code 2468115) and 200 mg (p'code 2439360) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – wastage claimable
- Omalizumab (Xolair) inj 150 mg vial – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2243369)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Tacrolimus Sandoz) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2468468)
- Rivastigmine (Exelon) patch 4.6 mg per 24 hour (p'code 2273616) and 9.5 mg per 24 hour (p'code 2273608) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Tenoxicam (Reutenox) tab 20 mg (p'code 2463121)
- Tobramycin (TOBI) solution for inhalation 60 mg per ml, 5 ml – subsidy by endorsement – wastage claimable (p'code 2465957)

- Topiramate (Topiramate Actavis) tab 25 mg, (p'code 2350408) 50 mg (p'code 2350416), 100 mg (p'code 2350424) and 200 mg (p'code 2350432)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Deferiprone (Ferriprox) tab 500 mg and oral liq 100 mg per 1 ml – amended Special Authority criteria
- Dexamfetamine sulfate (PSM) tab 5 mg – amended chemical name, and Section 29 and wastage removed
- Ethambutol hydrochloride (Myambutol) tab 100 mg and 400 mg – Section 29 and wastage removed
- Long-acting muscarinic antagonists (glycopyrronium and tiotropium bromide) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Multiple sclerosis treatments (glatiramer acetate, interferon beta-1-alpha and interferon beta-1-beta) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Tacrolimus (Tacrolimus Sandoz) cap 0.5 mg, 1 mg and 5 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Tiotropium bromide (Spiriva) powder for inhalation, 18 mcg per dose – amended Special Authority criteria – not subsidised if patient is receiving subsidised glycopyrronium

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Interferon beta-1-alpha	Inj 6 million iu prefilled syringe and vial Injection 6 million iu per 0.5 ml pen injector	(Avonex) (Avonex Pen)

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Acitretin	Cap 10 mg and 25 mg	Neotigason Novatrelin*	
Amoxicillin with clavulanic acid	Tab 500 mg with clavulanic acid 125 mg	Augmentin* Curam Duo	
Gliclazide	Tab 80 mg	Glizide*	Apo-Gliclazide
Ipratropium bromide	Aqueous nasal spray, 0.03%	Univent	
Lamivudine	Tab 100 mg	Zeffix*	Zetlam
Loratadine	Oral liq 1 mg per ml, 100 ml		LoraPaed
Omeprazole	Cap 10 mg, 20 mg and 40 mg	Omezol Relief	
Paracetamol	Tab 500 mg Oral liq 120 mg per 5 ml	Parafast Pharmacare* Ethics Paracetamol Paracare*	
Pyridoxine hydrochloride	Tab 25 mg	PyridoxADE	
Ranitidine	Tab 150 mg and 300 mg	Arrow-Ranitidine Ranitidine Relief*	

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

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