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### January 2015 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **January 2015** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

#### New listings

- Ganciclovir (Virgan) eye gel 0.15%, 5 g OP – section 29 (p'code 2472856)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Omnitrope) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2472198)
- Testosterone undecanoate (Reandron 1000) inj 250 mg per ml, 4 ml vial – Retail pharmacy-Specialist, Pharmacode change (p'code 2472716)

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

- Bisoprolol fumarate (Bosvate) tab 2.5 g, 5 mg and 10 mg – amended chemical name
- Carbimazole (Neo-Mercazole) tab 5 mg – stat dispensing reinstated
- Dalteparin sodium (Fragmin) inj pre-filled syringes 2,500 iu per 0.2 ml, 5,000 iu per 0.2 ml, 12,500 iu per 0.5 ml, 15,000 iu per 0.6 ml and 18,000 iu per 0.72 ml, and inj graduated syringes 7,500 iu per 0.75 ml, 10,000 iu per 1 ml - amended Special Authority criteria
- Desferrioxamine mesylate (Hospira) inj 500 mg vial – amended presentation description
- Diazepam (Hospira) inj 5 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Enoxaparin sodium (Clexane) inj 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 120 mg and 150 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Hydrocortisone and paraffin liquid and lanolin (DP Lotn HC) lotn 1% with paraffin liquid 15.9% and lanolin 0.6% - amended chemical name and presentation description
- Hyoscine hydrobromide (Hospira) inj 400 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Imatinib mesilate (Imatinib-AFT) cap 100 mg and 400 mg – prescription co-payment applies
- Influenza vaccine (Fluarix and Inluvac) inj 45 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe – amended restriction
- Naloxone hydrochloride (Hospira) inj 400 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Pramipexole hydrochloride (Ramipex) tab 0.25 mg and 1 mg – removal of S29
- Promethazine hydrochloride (Hospira) inj 25 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Somatropin (Omnitrope) inj 5 mg, 10 mg and 15 mg cartridges – prescription co-payment applies and addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Standard supplements – amended Special Authority criteria

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Desferrioxamine mesylate	Inj 500 mg vial	Hospira
Diazepam	Inj 5 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	Hospira
Hyoscine hydrobromide	Inj 400 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Hospira
Miconazole nitrate	Crm 2%, 15 g OP	Multichem
Naloxone hydrochloride	Inj 400 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Hospira
Promethazine hydrochloride	Inj 25 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	Hospira

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Allopurinol	Tab 100 mg and 300 mg	Apo-Allopurinol	
Amitriptyline	Tab 25 mg and 50 mg	Arrow-Amitriptyline*	Amitrip
Amorolfine	Nail soln 5%, 5 ml OP	MycoNail*	Loceryl
Bisoprolol fumarate	Tab 2.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg	Bosvate	
Docusate sodium	Cap 50 mg Cap 120 mg	Laxofast 50 Laxofast 120	
Fusidic acid	Crm 2%, 15 g OP	DP Fusidic Acid Cream*	Foban
Losartan potassium	Tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg, and 50 mg Tab 100 mg	Losartan Actavis*  Losartan Actavis* Lostaar	Lostaar
Solifenacin succinate	Tab 5 mg and 10 mg	Vesicare	
Tenoxicam	Tab 20 mg	Reutienox*	Tilcotil

\* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 January 2015.

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