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February 2015 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Triamcinolone acetonide (Kenalog in Orabase) paste 0.1%, 5 g OP (p'code 253790)
- Pyridoxine hydrochloride (Vitamin B6 25) tab 25 mg – no more than 100 mg per dose, only on a prescription, no patient co-payment payable (p'code 2473534)
- Zoledronic acid (Zometa) inj 4 mg per 5 ml, vial – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2473755)
- Fentanyl (Fentanyl Sandoz) patch 12.5 mcg per hour (p'code 2472872), 25 mcg per hour (p'code 2472880), 50 mcg per hour (p'code 2472899), 75 mcg per hour (p'code 2472902), and 100 mcg per hour (p'code 2472910) – only on a controlled drug prescription, no patient co-payment payable, Safety medicine
- Amsacrine (AmsaLyo) inj 75 mg – PCT only – Specialist, section 29, wastage claimable (p'code 2473542)
- Azathioprine (Azamun) tab 25 mg – Retail pharmacy-Specialist (p'code 2465345)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Glizide) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2472201)
- Aminoacid formula without phenylalanine liquid (juicy citrus, berries and orange) 62.5 ml, 60 OP (PKU Lophlex LQ 10) (p'code 2470578, 2470586 and 2470551), and liquid (juicy citrus, berries and orange) 125 ml, 30 OP (PKU Lophlex LQ 20) (p'code 2470527, 2470535 and 2470543)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Gliclazide (Glizide) tab 80 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Triamcinolone acetonide (Kenalog in Orabase and Oracort) paste 0.1% - amended presentation description
- Imiquimod crm 5% (Aldara) and crm 5%, 250 g sachet (Apo-Imiquimod Cream 5%) – Special Authority removed
- Triamcinolone acetonide inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (Kenacort-A 10) and inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (Kenacort-A 40) – amended presentation description
- Levothyroxine (Mercury Pharma) tab 50 mcg and 100 mcg – STAT dispensing removed
- Diclofenac sodium (Voltaren D) tab 50 mg dispersible – Higher subsidy with Endorsement removed
- Zoledronic acid (Aclasta) inj 0.05 mg per ml, 100 ml vial – amended presentation description
- Mianserin hydrochloride (Tolvon) tab 30 mg – amended Note
- Carbamazepine (Tegretol) oral liq 20 mg per ml – amended presentation description
- Tacrolimus (Tacrolimus Sandoz) cap 0.5 mg, 1 mg and 5 mg – removal of Brand Switch Fee
- Oral feed (powder) (Sustagen Hospital Formula) powder (chocolate and vanilla), 900 g OP – Higher subsidy with Endorsement

Increased subsidy

| Chemical | Presentation | Fully subsidised brands |
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| Nystatin | Oral liq 100,000 u per ml, 24 ml OP | Nilstat |

Decreased subsidy

| Chemical | Presentation | Fully subsidised brands | Partially subsidised brands |
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| Cetirizine hydrochloride | Oral liq 1 mg per ml | Histaclear* | Cedirizine – AFT |
| Clozapine | Tab 25 mg and 100 mg | Clozaril Clopine* | |
| Ibuprofen | Tab 200 mg | Ibugesic* | Arrowcare |
| Imiquimod | Crn 5% | Apo-Imiquimod Cream 5%* | Aldara |
| Methylphenidate hydrochloride extended-release | Cap modified-release 10 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg and 40 mg | Ritalin LA | |
| Risperidone | Tab 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg and 4 mg | Actavis* Dr Reddy's Risperidone Ridal | Apo-Risperidone Risperdal |
| Triamcinolone acetonide | Crn 0.02%, 100 g OP Oint 0.02%, 100 g OP Inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule Inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule | Aristocort Aristocort Kenacort-A 10 Kenacort-A 40 | |

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 February 2015.

Other subsidy changes

- Amsacrin (Amsidine) inj 75 mg – CBS removed and price/subsidy added.

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