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April 2015 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Carvedilol (Dicarz) tab 6.25 mg (p'code 2471124), 12.5 mg (p'code 2471132) and 25 mg (p'code 2471140)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Arrow-Amitriptyline) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2476029)
- Benzoin (Home Essentials) tincture compound BP (p'code 2349914)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Calcium gluconate (Hospira) inj 10%, 10 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Heparinised saline (Pfizer) inj 10 iu per ml, 5 ml – removal of STAT dispensing
- Protamine sulphate (Artex) inj 10 mg per ml, 5 ml – removal of section 29
- Endothelin receptor antagonists (ambrisentan and bosentan) – amended contact information
- Phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors (sildenafil) – amended contact information
- Prostacyclin analogues (iloprost) – amended contact information
- Levothyroxine (Mercury Pharma) tab 50 mcg and 100 mcg – STAT reinstated
- Somatropin (Omnitrope) inj 5 mg, 10 mg and 15 mg cartridge – removal of Brand Switch Fee
- Phenoxymethylpenicillin (Penicillin V) (Cilicaine VK) cap 250 mg and 500 mg – amended presentation description
- Naproxen (Naprosyn SR 1000) tab long-acting 1 g – amended presentation description
- Apomorphine hydrochloride (Apomine) inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Non-opioid analgesics – addition of Standard Formulae reference
- Capsaicin (Zostrix HP) crm 0.075% - removal of Standard Formulae reference
- Amitriptyline (Arrow-Amitriptyline) tab 25 mg and 50 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Vinblastine sulphate (Hospira) inj 1 mg per ml, 10 ml vial – amended presentation description

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Apomorphine hydrochloride	Inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	Apomine
Calcium gluconate	Inj 10%, 10 ml ampoule	Hospira
Fluconazole	Powder for oral suspension 10 mg per ml	Diflucan
Hyoscine hydrobromide	Inj 400 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Martindale
Lorazepam	Tab 2.5 mg	Ativan
Papaverine hydrochloride	Inj 12 mg per ml, 10 ml ampoule	Hospira

Increased subsidy (continued)

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Vinblastine sulphate	Inj 1 mg per ml, 10 ml vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Hospira Baxter

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Betamethasone valerate	Crn 0.1%, 50 g OP Oint 0.1%, 50 g OP	Beta Cream Beta Ointment	
Erlotinib	Tab 100 mg & 150 mg	Tarceva	
Ferrous fumarate	Tab 200 mg (65 mg elemental)	Ferro-tab	
Lorazepam	Tab 1 mg	Ativan	
Norethisterone	Tab 5 mg	Primolut N	
Phenoxymethylpenicillin (Penicillin V)	Cap 250 mg & 500 mg	Cilicaine VK	
Valganciclovir	Tab 450 mg	Valcyte	