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August 2015 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **August 2015** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Acarbose (Glucobay) tab 50 mg (p'code 289256) and 100 mg (p'code 289647)
- Bosentan (Mylan-Bosentan) tab 62.5 mg (p'code 2471159) and 125 mg (p'code 2471167) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Chlorhexidine gluconate (healthE) soln 4% wash – no more than 500 ml per month, only if prescribed for dialysis patient and the prescription is endorsed accordingly (p'code 2373297)
- Cyproterone acetate (Procur) tab 50 mg (p'code 478865) and 100 mg (p'code 2212811) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Mefenamic acid (Ponstan) cap 250 mg, 50 cap pack – change from bottle to blister pack (p'code 2469499)
- Lidocaine [lignocaine] crm 4%, 30 g OP (p'code 2396564) and 5 x 5 g tubes (p'code 2396572) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Aripiprazole (Abilify) tab 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg and 30 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Azithromycin (Zithromax) grans for oral liq 200 mg per 5 ml (40 mg per ml) – amended presentation description
- Benzbromarone (Benzbromaron AL 100) tab 100 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Bleomycin sulphate (DBL Bleomycin Sulfate) inj 15,000 iu (10 mg), vial – amended presentation description
- Chlorhexidine gluconate (healthE and Orion) soln 4% wash – amended presentation description
- Cyclophosphamide inj 1 g vial (Endoxan and Cytoxan) and 2 g vial (Endoxan) – amended presentation description
- Dactinomycin [actinomycin D] (Cosmegen) inj 0.5 mg vial – amended presentation description
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine (Boostrix) inj 2 IU diphtheria toxoid with 20 IU tetanus toxoid, 8 mcg pertussis toxoid, 8 mcg pertussis filamentous haemagglutinin and 2.5 mcg pertactin in 0.5 ml syringe – amended restriction
- Febuxostat (Adenuric) tab 80 mg and 120 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Fluorouracil inj 50 mg per ml, 10 ml vial, 20 ml vial, 50 ml vial, 100 mg vial (Fluorouracil Ebewe) and inj 25 mg per ml, 100 ml vial – amended chemical name and presentation description
- Heparinised saline (Pfizer) inj 10 iu per ml, 5 ml – STAT reinstated
- Influenza vaccine (Fluarix and Influvac) inj 45 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe – amended restriction
- Methylprednisolone acetate (Depo-Medrol) inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml vial – amended presentation description

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations (continued)

- Methylprednisolone acetate with lidocaine [lignocaine] inj 40 mg per ml, with lidocaine [lignocaine] 1 ml vial – amended presentation description
- Methylprednisolone (as sodium succinate) inj 40 mg vial, 125 mg vial, 500 mg vial and 1 g vial – amended chemical name and presentation description
- Phenytoin sodium (Hospira) inj 50 mg per ml 2 ml ampoule and 5 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Risperidone (Actavis) tab 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg and 4 mg – removal of Brand Switch Fee
- Sodium hyaluronate [hyaluronic acid] eye drops 1 mg per ml – amended note
- Tacrolimus (Tacrolimus Sandoz) cap 0.5 mg, 1 mg and 5 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Topical Local Anaesthetics – new heading and Special Authority SA0906 moved so that valid Special Authority approvals are interchangeable between lidocaine [lignocaine] with prilocaine (EMLA) and lidocaine [lignocaine] (LMX4)
- Zoledronic acid (Aclasta) inj 0.05 mg per ml, 100 ml, vial – amended Special Authority criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Azithromycin	Grans for oral liq 200 mg per 5 ml (40 mg per ml)	Zithromax
Bee venom allergy treatment	Treatment kit – 1 vial 550 mcg freeze dried venom, 1 diluent 9 ml, 3 diluent 1.8 ml	Albey
Bezafibrate	Tab long-acting 400 mg	Bezalip Retard
Bisacodyl	Tab 5 mg	Lax-Tab
Bleomycin sulphate	Inj 15,000 iu (10 mg), vial Inj 1,000 iu for ECP	DBL Bleomycin Sulfate Baxter
Dactinomycin [actinomycin D]	Inj 0.5 mg vial Inj 0.5 mg for ECP	Cosmegen Baxter
Fluorouracil	Inj 50 mg per ml, 20 ml vial	Fluorouracil Ebewe
Folic acid	Tab 0.8 mg & 5 mg	Apo-Folic Acid
Hydrocortisone acetate	Rectal foam 10%, CFC-Free (14 applications)	Colifoam
Megestrol acetate	Tab 160 mg	Apo-Megestrol
Methylprednisolone	Tab 4 mg & 100 mg	Medrol
Methylprednisolone acetate	Inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml vial	Depo-Medrol
Methylprednisolone acetate with lidocaine [lignocaine]	Inj 40 mg per ml with lidocaine [lignocaine] 1 ml vial	Depo-Medrol with Lidocaine
Methylprednisolone (as sodium succinate)	Inj 40 mg & 125 mg vial	Solu-Medrol
Mexiletine hydrochloride	Cap 150 mg & 250 mg	Mexiletine Hydrochloride USP
Moclobemide	Tab 150 mg & 300 mg	Apo-Moclobemide
Morphine hydrochloride	Oral liq 2 mg per ml, 5 mg per ml, & 10 mg per ml	RA-Morph
Nadolol	Tab 40 mg & 80 mg	Apo-Nadolol
Norethisterone	Tab 350 mcg	Noriday 28

Increased subsidy (continued)

Quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide	Tab 10 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg Tab 20 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg	Accuretic 10 Accuretic 20
Trimethoprim	Tab 300 mg	TMP
Wasp venom allergy treatment	Treatment kit (paper wasp venom) – 1 vial 550 mcg freeze dried polister venom, 1 diluent 9 ml, 1 diluent 1.8 ml, Treatment kit (yellow jacket venom) – 1 vial 550 mcg freeze dried vespula venom, 1 diluent 9 ml, 1 diluent 1.8 ml	Albey

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Bezafibrate	Tab 200 mg	Bezalip	
Ezetimibe	Tab 10 mg	Ezemibe*	Ezetrol
Ezetimibe with simvastatin	Tab 10 mg with simvastatin 10 mg Tab 10 mg with simvastatin 20 mg Tab 10 mg with simvastatin 40 mg Tab 10 mg with simvastatin 80 mg	Zimybe*	Vytorin
Fluorouracil	Inj 50 mg per ml, 50 ml & 100 ml vial	Fluorouracil Ebewe	
Fluorouracil	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter	
Methylprednisolone (as sodium succinate)	Inj 500 mg & 1 g vial	Solu-Medrol	
Oxycodone hydrochloride	Cap immediate-release 5 mg, 10 mg & 20 mg	OxyNorm	

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