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September 2015 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Metformin hydrochloride (Metchek) tab immediate-release 500 mg (p'code 2479613)
- Furosemide [frusemide] (Lasix) inj 10 mg per ml, 25 ml ampoule, 6 inj pack (p'code 2482800)
- Isotretinoin cap 10 mg (Isotane 10) (p'code 2123487) and 20 mg (Isotane 20) (p'code 2123495) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Mometasone furoate crm 0.1%, 15 g OP (p'code 218375) and 50 g OP (p'code 2395738) (Elocon Alcohol Free), and oint 0.1%, 15 g OP (p'code 218383) and 50 g OP (p'code 2395746) (Elocon)
- Cetomacrogol (healthE) crm BP, 500 g (p'code 2341050)
- Dimethicone (healthE Dimethicone 10%) crm 10% pump bottle, 500 ml OP (p'code 2373289)
- Finasteride (Finpro) tab 5 mg, 30 tab pack – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2488035)
- Mirtazapine (Apo-Mirtazapine) tab 30 mg (p'code 2486164) and 45 mg (p'code 2486172) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Thiotepa (Tepadina) inj 100 mg vial – PCT only – Specialist (p'code 2487977)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Dicarz) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2486369)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Hydrogen peroxide (Pharmacy Health) soln 3% (10 vol) – amended presentation description
- Eptacog alfa [recombinant factor VIIA] (NovoSeven RT) inj 1 mg, 2 mg, 5 mg and 8 mg syringe – amended restriction
- Factor eight inhibitors bypassing fraction (FEIBA) inj 500 U and 1,000 U – amended chemical name and restriction
- Moroctocog alfa [recombinant factor VIII] (Xyntha) inj 250 iu, 500 iu, 1,000 iu, 2,000 iu and 3,000 iu prefilled syringe – amended presentation description
- Nonacog alfa [recombinant factor IX] (BeneFIX) inj 250 iu, 500 iu, 1,000 iu and 2,000 iu vial – amended restriction
- Ticagrelor (Brilinta) tab 90 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Heparin sodium (Hospira) inj 1,000 iu per ml, 35 ml vial – amended presentation description
- Carvedilol (Dicarz) tab 6.25 mg, 12.5 mg and 25 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Tobramycin (DBL Tobramycin) inj 40 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Nevirapine (Nevirapine Alphapharm) tab 200 mg – removal of Brand Switch Fee
- Sertraline (Arrow-Sertraline) tab 50 mg and 300 mg – Stat dispensing removed
- Moclobemide (Apo-Moclobemide) tab 150 mg and 300 mg – removal of Note

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations (continued)

- Antipsychotics – removal of Guideline
- Cisplatin (DBL Cisplatin and Cisplatin Ebewe) inj 1 mg per ml, 50 ml and 100 ml vial – amended presentation description
- Thiotepea (Bedford, THIO-TEPA and Tepadina) inj 15 mg vial – amended presentation description
- Epirubicin hydrochloride inj 2 mg per ml, 5 ml vial (Epirubicin Ebewe), inj 2 mg per ml, 25 ml, 50 ml and 100 ml vial (DBL Epirubicin Hydrochloride and Epirubicin Ebewe), and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended chemical name and presentation description
- Idarubicin hydrochloride (Zavedos) inj 5 mg and 10 mg vial – amended presentation description

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Calcium folinate	Tab 15 mg	DBL Leucovorin Calcium
Cisplatin	Inj 1 mg per ml, 100 ml vial	DBL Cisplatin
Heparin sodium	Inj 1,000 iu per ml, 35 ml vial	Hospira
Hydrogen peroxide	Soln 3% (10 vol), 100 ml	Pharmacy Health
Idarubicin hydrochloride	Inj 5 mg & 10 mg vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Zavedos Baxter
Octocog alfa [recombinant factor VIII]	Inj 250 iu, 500 iu, 1,000 iu, 1,500iu, 2,000 iu & 3,000 iu vial	Advate
Pethidine hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg & 100 mg	PSM
Tobramycin	Inj 40 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	DBL Tobramycin

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Acetylcysteine	Inj 200 mg per ml, 10 ml ampoule	Martindale Acetylcysteine DBL Acetylcysteine*	
Acetylcysteine	Inj 200 mg per ml, 30 ml		Acetadote
Carboplatin	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter	
Cisplatin	Inj 1 mg per ml, 50 ml vial	DBL Cisplatin	
Epirubicin hydrochloride	inj 2 mg per ml, 25 ml, 50 ml & 100 ml vial	Epirubicin Ebewe	
Factor eight inhibitors bypassing fraction	Inj 500 U & 1,000 U	FEIBA	
Fluorometholone	Eye drops 0.1%, 5 ml OP	FML*	Flucon
Hydroxocobalamin	Inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	ABM Hydroxocobalamin Neo-B12*	
Moroctocog alfa [recombinant factor VIII]	Inj 250 iu, 500 iu, 1,000 iu, 2,000 iu & 3,000 iu prefilled syringe	Xyntha	

Decreased subsidy (continued)

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Nevirapine	Tab 200 mg	Nevirapine Alphapharm	
Octocog alfa [recombinant factor VIII]	Inj 250 iu, 500 iu, 1,000 iu, 2,000 iu & 3,000 iu vial	Kogenate FS	
Oxytocin	Inj 5 iu per ml, 1 ml ampoule & 10 iu per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Oxytocin BNM	
Paracetamol	Suppos 500 mg	Paracare	
Pregnancy tests	Cassette	EasyCheck* Innovacon hCG One Step Pregnancy Test	
Sildenafil	Tab 25 mg, 50 mg & 100 mg	Vedafil*	Silagra
Sodium cromoglycate	Eye drops 2%, 5 ml OP	Rexacrom	

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