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November 2015 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Aminoacid formula without phenylalanine (PKU Anamix Junior) powder (unflavoured) 36 g sachets – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2482436)
- Bisacodyl (Lax-Suppositories) suppos 10 mg – only on a prescription (p'code 2485397)
- Blood ketone diagnostic test meter (Freestyle Optium Neo) meter – up to 1 meter available on a PSO. Funded for blood ketone diagnostics only (p'code 2486407)
- Citalopram hydrochloride (PSM Citalopram) tab 20 mg (p'code 2479621)
- Cyclizine hydrochloride (Nauzene) tab 50 mg (p'code 2488655)
- Dexamethasone (Dexmethsone) tab 0.5 mg (p'code 2490218) and 4 mg (p'code 2490226) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist, available on a PSO
- Lansoprazole (Lanzol Relief) cap 15 mg (p'code 2482533) and 30 mg (p'code 2482541)
- Letrozole (Letrole) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2474425)
- Lisinopril (Ethics Lisinopril) tab 5 mg (p'code 2352435), 10 mg (p'code 2352443) and 20 mg (p'code 2352451)
- Mask for spacer device (e-chamber Mask) small – only available on a PSO, only for children aged six years and under (p'code 2490099)
- Nonacog alfa [recombinant factor IX] (BeneFIX) inj 3,000 iu vial – Xpharm (p'code 2489392)
- Oil in water emulsion (O/W Fatty Emulsion Cream) crm, 500 g (p'code 2491311)
- Peak flow meter low range (Mini-Wright AFS Low Range) (p'code 2489945) and normal range (Mini-Wright Standard) (p'code 2489953) – only available on a PSO
- Pharmacy services (BSF Ezetimibe) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2490773)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Zimybe) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2490765)
- Sertraline (Sertraline Actavis) tab 50 mg – S29, wastage claimable (p'code 2491397)
- Spacer device 220 ml (single patient) (e-chamber Turbo) (p'code 2490072) and 510 ml (single patient) (e-chamber La Grande) (p'code 2490080) – only available on a PSO
- Voriconazole (Vttack) tab 50 mg (p'code 2474867) and 200 mg (p'code 2474875) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Ziprasidone (Zusdone) cap 20 mg (p'code 2479575), 40 mg (p'code 2479583), 60 mg (p'code 2479591) and 80 mg (p'code 2479605) – subsidy by endorsement, safety medicine

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Busulfan (Myleran) tab 2 mg – amended chemical name
- Ezetimibe (Ezemibe) tab 10 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Ezetimibe with simvastatin (Zimybe) tab 10 mg with simvastatin 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg and 80 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Factor eight inhibitor bypassing fraction (FEIBA NF) inj 500 U, 1,000 U and 2,500 U – amended chemical name
- Gabapentin (Neurontin) cap 100 mg, 300 mg and 400 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Mirtazapine (Apo-Mirtazapine and Avanza) tab 30 mg and 45 mg – Special Authority removed
- Other multiple sclerosis treatments (glatiramer acetate, interferon beta-a-alpha and interferon beta-1-beta) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Sertraline (Arrow-Sertraline) tab 50 mg – Sole Supply suspended

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Busulfan	Tab 2 mg	Myleran
Cisplatin	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter
Clofazimine	Cap 50 mg	Lamprene
Sulfadiazine sodium	Tab 500 mg	Wockhardt

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Cetomacrogol	Crn BP	healthE*	PSM
Epirubicin hydrochloride	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter	
Gabapentin	Cap 100 mg, 300 mg & 400 mg	Neurontin Arrow-Gabapentin* Nupentin*	
Metformin hydrochloride	Tab immediate-release 500 mg	Metcheck*	Apotex
Mirtazapine	Tab 30 mg & 45 mg	Apo-Mirtazapine*	Avanza
Mometasone furoate	Crn & oint 0.1%, 15 g OP Crn & oint 0.1%, 45 g OP	Elocon Alcohol Free*	m-Mometasone m-Mometasone

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