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December 2015 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Desferrioxamine mesilate (Desferal) inj 500 mg vial (p'code 261769)
- Enteral/oral semi-elemental feed 1.5kcal/ml (Vital) liquid, 1,000 ml OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2492989)
- Extensively hydrolysed formula (Aptamil Gold+ Pepti Junior) powder, 450 g OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2492997)
- Nystatin (m-Nystatin) oral liq 100,000 u per ml, 24 ml OP (p'code 2476010)
- Oxycodone hydrochloride (OxyNorm) inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml (p'code 2248794) and 2 ml (p'code 2248786) ampoules – only on a controlled drug form, no patient co-payment payable, safety medicine
- Pizotifen (Sandomigran) tab 500 mcg – listing of bottle presentation (p'code 2492954)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Carvedilol (Dicarz) tab 6.25 mg, 12.5 mg and 25 mg – removal of Brand Switch Fee
- Desferrioxamine mesilate (Desferal and Hospira) inj 500 mg vial – amended chemical name
- Doxorubicin hydrochloride inj 2 mg per ml, 5 ml vial (Doxorubicin Ebewe), inj 50 mg vial (DBL Doxorubicin and DBL Doxorubicin S29), inj 2 mg per ml, 25 ml vial (Arrow-Doxorubicin and Doxorubicin Ebewe), inj 2 mg per ml, 50 ml vial (Doxorubicin Ebewe), and inj 2 mg per ml, 100 ml vial (Arrow-Doxorubicin, Adriamycin and Doxorubicin Ebewe), and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended chemical name and presentation description

Decreased subsidy

| Chemical | Presentation | Fully subsidised brands | Partially subsidised brands |
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| Diclofenac sodium | Tab EC 25 mg Tab EC 50 mg Tab long-acting 75 mg Tab long-acting 100 mg | Diclofenac Sandoz* Diclofenac Sandoz* Diclax SR Apo-Diclax SR* Diclax SR Apo-Diclax SR* | Apo-Diclo Apo-Diclo |
| Dorzolamide with timolol | Eye drops 2% with timolol 0.5%, 5 ml OP | Arrow-Dortim* | Cosopt |
| Doxorubicin hydrochloride | Inj 2 mg per ml, 25 ml vial Inj 2 mg per ml, 50 ml vial Inj 2 mg per ml, 100 ml vial | Doxorubicin Ebewe Doxorubicin Ebewe Doxorubicin Ebewe | |
| Metformin hydrochloride | Tab immediate-release 850 mg | Metformin Mylan* | Apotex |
| Nystatin | Oral liq 100,000 u per ml, 24 ml OP | Nilstat m-Nystatin | |
| Paracetamol | Suppos 125 mg Suppos 250 mg | Gacet* Gacet* | Panadol Panadol |
| Zopiclone | Tab 7.5 mg | Zopiclone Actavis* | Apo-Zopiclone |

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