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### March 2016 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **March 2016** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

#### New listings

- Cholecalciferol (Vit.D3) cap 1.25 mg (50,000 iu) – maximum of 12 cap per prescription (p'code 2446154)
- Fluticasone furoate with vilanterol (Breo Ellipta) powder for inhalation 100 mcg with vilanterol 25 mcg, 30 dose OP (p'code 2494299)
- Glycopyrronium with indacaterol (Ultibro Breezhaler) powder for inhalation 50 mcg with indacaterol 110 mcg, 30 dose OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2495562)
- Heparinised saline (Becton Dickinson PosiFlush) inj 10 iu per ml, 5 ml – Section 29, wastage claimable (p'code 2494752)
- Metoprolol succinate (Metoprolol – AFT CR) tab long-acting 23.75 mg (p'code 2482673), 47.5 mg (p'code 2482746) and 95 mg (p'code 2482681), 90 tab pack size
- Nonacog gamma [Recombinant factor IX] (RIXUBIS) inj 250 iu (p'code 2487934), 500 iu (p'code 2487942), 1,000 iu (p'code 2487896), 2,000 iu (p'code 2487950) and 3,000 iu (p'code 2487918) vials – Xpharm
- Pharmacy services (BSF Arrow-Dortim) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2495511)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Zopiclone Actavis) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2495538)
- Tiotropium bromide (Spiriva Respimat) soln for inhalation 2.5 mcg per dose, 60 dose OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2494019)
- Tiotropium bromide with olodaterol (Spiolto Respimat) soln for inhalation 2.5 mcg with olodaterol 2.5 mcg, 60 dose OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2494027)
- Umeclidinium (Incruse Ellipta) powder for inhalation 62.5 mcg per dose, 30 dose OP – Subsidy by Endorsement (p'code 2494280)
- Umeclidinium with vilanterol (Anoro Ellipta) powder for inhalation 62.5 mcg with vilanterol 25 mcg, 30 dose OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2494272)

#### Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Bortezomib inj 1 mg and 3.5 mg (Velcade) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Budesonide with eformoterol aerosol inhaler (Vannair) and powder for inhalation (Symbicort Turbuhaler) – Special Authority removed
- Dorzolamide with timolol (Arrow-Dortim) eye drops 2% with timolol 0.5%, 5 ml OP – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Erlotinib (Tarceva) tab 100 mg and 150 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Gefitinib (Iressa) tab 250 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Glycopyrronium (Seebri Breezhaler) powder for inhalation 50 mcg per dose, 30 dose OP – Special Authority removed, addition of Subsidy by Endorsement, amended note
- Haemophilus influenzae type B vaccine (Act-HIB) inj 10 mcg vial with diluent syringe – amended restriction
- Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonists – Special Authority moved from Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonists to tiotropium bromide only, with amended Special Authority criteria
- Moroctocog alfa [Recombinant factor VIII] (Xyntha) inj prefilled syringes 250 iu, 500 iu, 1,000 iu, 2,000 iu and 3,000 iu – amended restriction
- Octocog alfa [Recombinant factor VIII] (Advate) inj 250 iu, 500 iu, 1,000 iu, 1,500 iu, 2,000 iu, 3,000 iu vials – amended restriction and chemical name

**Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations (continued)**

- Octocog alfa [Recombinant factor VIII] (Kogenate FS) inj 250 iu, 500 iu, 1,000 iu, 2,000 iu and 3,000 iu vials – amended restriction and chemical name
- Pine tar with trolamine laurilsulfate and fluorescein (Pinetarsol) soln 2.3% with trolamine laurilsulfate and fluorescein sodium – amended chemical name and presentation description
- Pneumococcal (PPV23) polysaccharide vaccine (Pneumovax 23) inj 575 mcg in 0.5 ml prefilled syringe (25 mcg of each 23 pneumococcal serotype) – amended restriction
- Tiotropium bromide powder for inhalation, 18 mcg per dose (Spiriva), and soln for inhalation 2.5 mcg per dose (Spiriva Respimat) – amended Special Authority criteria and note
- Valaciclovir (Vaclovir and Valtrex) tab 500 mg and 1,000 mg – Special Authority removed
- Varenicline tartrate (Champix) tab 0.5 mg x 11 and 1 mg x 14, and 1 mg – amended Special Authority criteria and note
- Zopiclone (Zopiclone Actavis) tab 7.5 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee

**Decreased subsidy**

| Chemical                    | Presentation   | Fully subsidised brands  | Partially subsidised brands |
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| Budesonide with eformoterol | Aerosol inhaler 100 mcg with eformoterol fumarate 6 mcg<br>Aerosol inhaler 200 mcg with eformoterol fumarate 6 mcg   | Vannair<br><br>Vannair   |                             |
| Budesonide with eformoterol | Powder for inhalation 100 mcg with eformoterol fumarate 6 mcg<br>Powder for inhalation 200 mcg with eformoterol fumarate 6 mcg<br>Powder for inhalation 400 mcg with eformoterol fumarate 12 mcg | Symbicort Tubuhaler 100/6<br><br>Symbicort Tubuhaler 200/6<br><br>Symbicort Tubuhaler 400/12 |                             |
| Filgrastim                  | Inj 300 mcg per 0.5 ml prefilled syringe<br>Inj 480 mcg per 0.5 ml prefilled syringe   | Zarzio<br><br>Zarzio   |                             |
| Fluticasone with salmeterol | Aerosol inhaler 50 mcg with salmeterol 25 mcg<br>Aerosol inhaler 125 mcg with salmeterol 25 mcg  | Seretide<br><br>Seretide   |                             |
| Fluticasone with salmeterol | Powder for inhalation 100 mcg with salmeterol 50 mcg<br>Powder for inhalation 250 mcg with salmeterol 50 mcg   | Seretide Accuhaler<br><br>Seretide Accuhaler   |                             |
| Oil in water emulsion       | Crm  | O/W Fatty Emulsion Cream*  | healthE Fatty Cream         |
| Oxaliplatin                 | Inj 1 mg for ECP   | Baxter   |                             |
| Salmeterol                  | Aerosol inhaler CFC-free, 25 mcg per dose<br>Powder for inhalation, 50 mcg per dose, breath activated  | Serevent<br><br>Serevent Accuhaler   |                             |
| Spacer device               | 800 ml   | Volumatic  |                             |
| Valaciclovir                | Tab 500 mg   | Vaclovir*  | Valtrex                     |

\* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 March 2016.