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April 2016 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Clarithromycin (Klacid) grans for oral liq 250 mg per 5 ml, 50 ml – Maximum of 500 mg per prescription, can be waived by Special Authority, wastage claimable (p'code 2494973)
- Ergotamine tartrate with caffeine (Cafergot S29) tab 1 mg with caffeine 100 mg – S29 and wastage payable (p'code 2497077)
- Fluphenazine decanoate (Modecate) inj 25 mg per ml, 2 ml – S29, wastage applied, available on a PSO (p'code 2496909)
- Metoprolol succinate (Metoprolol – AFT CR) tab long-acting 190 mg, 90 tab pack size (p'code 2482703)
- Oral elemental feed 1kcal/ml (Vivonex TEN) powder (unflavoured), 80 g OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2494450)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Ethics Lisinopril) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient(p'code 2496410)
- Pharmacy services (BSF PSM Citalopram) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient(p'code 2496437)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Zudone) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient(p'code 2496429)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Sumatriptan Sun Pharma) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient(p'code 2497050)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Bee venom allergy treatment (Venomil) maintenance kit – 6 vials 120 mcg freeze dried venom, with diluent – amended presentation description
- Citalopram hydrobromide (PSM Citalopram) tab 20 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Lisinopril (Ethics Lisinopril) tab 5 mg, 10 mg and 20 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Omeprazole (Dr Reddy's Omeprazole) inj 40 mg ampoule with diluent – amended presentation description
- Sumatriptan (Sun Pharma) inj 12 mg per ml, 0.5 ml prefilled pen, 2 OP – amended presentation description and addition of Brand Switch Free
- Wasp venom allergy treatment (Venomil) treatment kit (paper wasp venom) – 6 vials 120 mcg freeze dried venom, with diluent, and treatment kit (yellow jacket venom) – 6 vials 120 mcg freeze dried venom, with diluent – amended presentation description
- Ziprasidone (Zudone) cap 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg and 80 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Omeprazole	Inj 40 mg ampoule with diluent	Dr Reddy's Omeprazole

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Desmopressin acetate	Tab 100 mcg Tab 200 mcg	Minirin Minitin	
Etoposide	Inj 20 mg per ml, 5 ml vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Rex Medical* Baxter	Hospira Vepesid
Furosemide [frusemide]	Inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	Frusemide-Claris	
Misoprostol	Tab 200 mcg	Cytotec	
Polyvinyl alcohol	Eye drops 1.4%, 15 ml OP Eye drops 3%, 15 ml OP	Vistil Vistil Forte	

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 April 2016.