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August 2016 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Aciclovir (VirusPOS) eye oint 3%, 4.5 g OP (p'code 2490803)
- Metoprolol succinate (Betoloc CR) tab long-acting 47.5 mg (p'code 599891) and 95 mg (p'code 527858) – Brand switch fee payable
- Pharmacy services (BSF Metoprolol Succinate) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2506114)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Alendronate sodium with colecalciferol (Fosamax Plus) tab 70 mg with colecalciferol 5,600 iu – amended chemical and presentation descriptions
- Colecalciferol (Vit.D3) cap 1.25 mg (50,000 iu) – amended chemical name
- Haloperidol (Serenace) inj 5 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Levonorgestrel (Mirena) intra-uterine system 20 mcg per day – amended Special Authority criteria, amended presentation description and addition of Sole Supply
- Methotrexate (DBL Methotrexate Onco-Vial) inj 25 mg per ml, 2 ml and 20 ml vials – amended presentation descriptions
- Metoprolol succinate (various brands) tab long-acting 23.75 mg, 47.5 mg, 95 mg and 190 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Morphine tartrate (DBL Morphine Tartrate) inj 80 mg per ml, 1.5 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Oestradiol patch 25 mcg and 100 mcg per day (Estradot) and patch 50 mcg per day (Estradot 50 mcg) – amended presentation descriptions and removal of Higher subsidy with Special Authority for these brands
- Phenytoin sodium (Dilantin) cap 30 mg and 100 mg – STAT removed
- Progesterone (Utrogestan) cap 100 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Sodium chloride (Biomed) inj 23.4% (4mmol/ml), 20 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Temozolomide (Temaccord) cap 5 mg, 20 mg, 100 mg and 250 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Vincristine sulphate (DBL Vincristine Sulfate) inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml and 2 ml vials – amended presentation descriptions

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Amisulpride	Oral liq 100 mg per ml	Solian
Dacarbazine	Inj 200 mg vial Inj 200 mg for ECP	DBL Dacarbazine Baxter
Dothiepin hydrochloride ()	Cap 25 mg Tab 75 mg	Dopress
Ferrous sulphate	Oral liq 30 mg (6 mg elemental) per ml	Ferodan
Fluoxetine hydrochloride	Cap 20 mg	Arrow-Fluoxetine
Hydrocortisone	Inj 100 mg vial	Solu-Cortef
Indapamide	Tab 2.5 mg	Dapa-Tabs
Isosorbide mononitrate	Tab long-acting 60 mg	Duride

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Labetalol	Tab 50 mg, 100 mg, & 200 mg	Hybloc
Loperamide hydrochloride	Tab 2 mg	Nodia
Medroxyprogesterone acetate	Inj 150 mg per ml, 1 ml syringe	Depo-Provera
Medroxyprogesterone acetate	Tab 2.5 mg, 5 mg & 10 mg	Provera
Medroxyprogesterone acetate	Tab 100 mg	Provera HD
Mesna	Tab 400 mg & 600 mg Inj 100 mg per ml, 4 ml & 10 ml ampoules Inj 1 mg for ECP	Uromitexan Baxter
Methotrexate	Inj 25 mg per ml, 2 ml & 20 ml vials	DBL Methotrexate Onco-Vial
Mitomycin C	Inj 5 mg vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Arrow Baxter
Morphine tartrate	Inj 80 mg per ml, 1.5 ml ampoule	DBL Morphine Tartrate
Nevirapine	Oral suspension 10 mg per ml	Viramune Suspension
Oestradiol	Patch 25 mcg per day & 100 mcg per day Patch 50 mcg per day	Estradot Estradot 50 mcg
Ornidazole	Tab 500 mg	Arrow-Ornidazole
Penicillamine	Tab 125 mg and 250 mg	D-Penammine
Promethazine hydrochloride	Inj 25 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	Hospira
Quinine sulphate	Tab 300 mg	Q 300
Rifabutin	Cap 150 mg	Mycobutin
Sodium chloride	Inj 23.4% (4 mmol/ml), 20 ml ampoule	Biomed
Sotalol	Tab 80 mg & 160 mg	Mylan
Spironolactone	Tab 25 mg	Spiractin
Sulphasalazine	Tab 500 mg Tab EC 500 mg	Salazopyrin Salazopyrin EN
Vincristine sulphate	Inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml & 2 ml vials Inj 1 mg for ECP	DBL Vincristine Sulfate Baxter

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Calcitriol	Cap 0.25 mcg & 0.5 mcg	Calcitriol-AFT*	Airflow
Amiodarone hydrochloride	Tab 100 mg & 200 mg	Cordarone-X Aratac*	
Metoprolol tartrate	Tab 50 mg & 100 mg	Apo-Metoprolol*	Lopresor
Cefalexin	Cap 500 mg	Cephalexin ABM	
Fluoxetine hydrochloride	Tab dispersible 20 mg, scored	Arrow-Fluoxetine	
Methotrexate	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter	

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