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March 2017 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **March 2017** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Lidocaine [lignocaine] hydrochloride (Lidocaine-Clarix) inj 1%, 20 ml vial (p'code 2513463) and 2%, 20 ml vial (p'code 2513471) – up to 5 inj available on a PSO
- Ondansetron (Apo-Ondansetron) tab 4 mg (p'code 2511827) and 8 mg (p'code 2511835)
- Potassium chloride (Slow-K) tab long-acting 600 mg (8 mmol) – S29, wastage claimable (p'code 2518287)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Dosulepin [dothiepin] hydrochloride (Dopress) tab 75 mg and cap 25 mg – amended chemical name
- Leuprorelin (Lucrin Depot 1 month) inj 3.75 mg prefilled dual chamber syringe, (Eligard 1 Month) 7.5 mg syringe with diluent, (Lucrin Depot 3-month) 11.25 mg prefilled dual chamber syringe, (Eligard 3 Month) 22.5 mg syringe with diluent, (Lucrin Depot 6-month) 30 mg prefilled dual chamber syringe, and (Eligard 6 Month) 45 mg syringe with diluent – amended restriction

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Mesalazine	Tab 800 mg	Asacol	
Sodium chloride	Inj 0.9%, 5 ml ampoule	Interpharma*	Multichem and Pfizer
Sodium chloride	Inj 0.9%, 10 ml ampoule	Pfizer*	Multichem
Sodium chloride	Inj 0.9%, 20 ml ampoule	Interpharma*	Multichem and Pharmacia
Water	Inj 10 ml ampoule	Pfizer*	Multichem
Water	Inj 5 ml and 20 ml ampoules	Interpharma*	Multichem

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 March 2017.

Increased price and no subsidy increase

Chemical	Presentation	Partially subsidised brands
Alprazolam	Tab 250 mcg, 500 mcg & 1 mg	Xanax

Stock Issue – One Alpha cap 1 mcg and Daivonex oint 50 mcg per g

Leo Pharma has advised PHARMAC that there has been a delay in the delivery of its One Alpha capsules 1 mcg and Daivonex ointment 50 mcg per g, 100 g OP. The stock is expected next week, but this has not been confirmed.

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