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August 2017 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **August 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 (Mucosoothe) oral (gel) soln 2%, 200 ml (p'code 2513307)
- Nystatin (Nilstat) oral liq 100,000 u per ml, 24 ml OP (p'code 254851)
- Paracetamol (Pharmacare) tab 500 mg – bottle pack (p'code 2524147)
- Temozolomide (Temaccord) cap 20 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2388251)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Benzatropine mesylate (Omega) inj 1 mg per ml, 2 ml – removal of Section 29 and Wastage claimable
- Lidocaine [lignocaine] hydrochloride (Mucosoothe and Xylocaine Viscous) oral (gel) soln 2% – amended presentation description
- Paracetamol (Pharmacare) tab 500 mg – blister pack – amended presentation description
- Prednisolone acetate (Prednisolone-AFT) eye drops 1%, 10 ml OP – removal of Stat (all-at-once) dispensing
- Sulfadiazine silver (Flamazine) crm 1%, 50 g OP - amended chemical name
- Thalidomide (Thalomid) cap 50 mg and 100 mg – amended claiming restriction from “PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority” to “Retail pharmacy – Specialist – Special Authority”
- Trimethoprim with sulphamethoxazole [co-trimoxazole] (Deprim) oral liq 8 mg with sulphamethoxazole 40 mg per ml – amended chemical name and presentation description

Increased subsidy

| Chemical | Presentation | Fully subsidised brands |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Desmopressin acetate | Nasal spray 10 mcg per dose, 6 ml OP | Desmopressin-PH&T |
| Emulsifying ointment | Oint BP, 500 g | AFT |
| Fentanyl | Patch 12.5 mcg per hour, 50 mcg per hour, 75 mcg per hour & 100 mcg per hour | Fentanyl Sandoz |
| Glucose [dextrose] | Inj 50%, 10 ml ampoule | Biomed |
| Ipratropium bromide | Aqueous nasal spray, 0.03%, 15 ml OP | Univent |
| Isosorbide mononitrate | Tab 20 mg | Ismo 20 |
| Ispaghula (psyllium) husk | Powder for oral soln, 500 g OP | Konsyl-D |

Increased subsidy (cont)

| Chemical | Presentation | Fully subsidised brands |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Nicotinic acid | Tab 50 mg & 500 mg | Apo-Nicotinic Acid |
| Oestriol | Crm 1 mg per g with applicator, 15 g OP Pessaries 500 mcg | Ovestin |
| Paclitaxel | Inj 30 mg and 100 mg Inj 1 mg for ECP | Paclitaxel Ebewe Baxter |
| Permethrin | Lotn 5%, 30 ml OP | A-Scabies |
| Pine tar with trolamine laurilsulfate and fluorescein | Soln 2.3% with trolamine laurilsulfate and fluorescein sodium, 500 ml | Pinetarsol |
| Pyridoxine hydrochloride | Tab 50 mg | Apo-Pyridoxine |
| Ranitidine | Tab 150 mg & 300 mg Oral liq 150 mg per 10 ml | Ranitidine Relief Peptisoothe |
| Trimethoprim with sulphamethoxazole [co-trimoxazole] | Oral liq 8 mg with sulphamethoxazole 40 mg per ml | Deprim |

Decreased subsidy

| Chemical | Presentation | Fully subsidised brands | Partially subsidised brands |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Amoxicillin with clavulanic acid | Grans for oral lig amoxicillin 50 mg with clavulanic acid 12.5 mg per ml | Curam* | Augmentin |
| Amoxicillin with clavulanic acid | Tab 500 mg with clavulanic acid 125 mg | Augmentin | |
| Bisoprolol fumarate | Tab 2.5 mg, 5 mg & 10 mg | Bosvate | |
| Colecalciferol | Cap 1.25 mg (50,000 iu) | Vit.D3 | |
| Imatinib mesilate | Cap 100 mg & 400 mg | Imatinib-AFT | |
| Paclitaxel | Inj 300 mg | Paclitaxel Ebewe | |
| Paracetamol | Tab 500 mg – blister pack | Pharmacare | |
| Pegylated interferon alfa-2a | Inj 180 mcg prefilled syringe | Pegasys | |

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