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### August 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **August 2018** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC ([enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz)) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

#### New listings

- Atropine sulphate (Martindale) inj 600 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2528754)
- Azithromycin tab 250 mg (Zithromax) (p'code 2550458) and tab 500 mg (Apo-Azithromycin) (p'code 2550059) - maximum of 5 days treatment per prescription, can be waived by Special Authority
- Bee venom allergy treatment (Hymenoptera) treatment kit - 1 vial 550 mcg freeze dried venom with diluent, 1 OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – S29 (p'code 2549778)
- Bosentan (Bosentan Dr Reddy's) tab 62.5 mg (p'code 2550067) and 125 mg (p'code 2550075) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Budesonide (SteroClear) metered aqueous nasal spray, 50 mcg (p'code 2541149) and 100 mcg per dose (p'code 2541068), 200 dose OP
- Clonidine hydrochloride (Medsurge) inj 150 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (p'code 2548445)
- Entecavir (Entecavir Sandoz) tab 0.5 mg (p'code 2549301)
- Ferrous sulphate (Ferrograd) tab long-acting 325 mg (105 mg elemental) (p'code 2534819)
- Isotretinoin (Oratane) cap 5 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2339161)
- Metoprolol tartrate (Metoprolol IV Mylan) inj 1 mg per ml, 5 ml vial (p'code 2550369)
- Nifedipine (Adefin XL) tab long-acting 30 mg (p'code 2222140)
- Phenytoin sodium (Dilantin) cap 30 mg (p'code 2550229)
- Taliglucerase alfa (Elelyso) inj 200 unit vial – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2541106)
- Pizotifen (Sandomigran S29) tab 500 mcg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2492954)
- Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) tab 10 mg; 30 tab pack (p'code 2545152), tab 15 mg (p'code 2425920) and 20 mg (p'code 2425947)
- Sodium chloride (Pfizer) inj 0.9%, 10 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2549484)
- Travoprost (Travatan) eye drops 0.004%, 2.5 ml OP (p'code 2550091)
- Verapamil hydrochloride (Isoptin) tab 80 mg (p'code 2535335)

- Wasp venom allergy treatment (Hymenoptera) treatment kit (Paper wasp venom) - 1 vial 550 mcg freeze dried venom, with diluent, 1 OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – S29 (p'code 2549794)
- Wasp venom allergy treatment (Hymenoptera) treatment kit (Yellow jacket venom) - 1 vial 550 mcg freeze dried venom, with diluent, 1 OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – S29 (p'code 2547986)

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

- Aripiprazole (Abilify) tab 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg and 30 mg – Special Authority and dispensing quantity restriction removed
- Blood glucose diagnostic test meter (CareSens N, CareSens N POP and CareSens N Premier) meter with 50 lancets, a lancing device and 10 diagnostic test strips – Brand Switch fee and Pharmacist note removed and amended subsidy by endorsement
- Blood glucose diagnostic test strip (CareSens N and CareSens Pro) test strips – removal of note
- Dual blood glucose and blood ketone diagnostic test meter (CareSens Dual) meter with 50 lancets, a lancing device and 10 blood glucose diagnostic test strips, 1 OP – Brand Switch fee and Pharmacist note removed and amended subsidy by endorsement
- Emulsifying ointment (AFT) oint BP – STAT dispensing removed
- Gabapentin (Arrow-Gabapentin, Neurontin and Nupentin) cap 100 mg, 300 mg and 400 mg – Special Authority removed and addition of STAT dispensing
- Levonorgestrel (Postinor-1) tab 1.5 mg – amended note
- Nifedipine (Adalat Oros) tab long-acting 30 mg – Sole Supply suspended
- Nicotine (Habitrol) patch 7 mg, 14 mg and 21 mg; lozenge 1 mg and 2 mg and gum (fruit and mint) 2 mg and 4 mg – amended note
- Oxybutynin (Apo-Oxybutynin) tab 5 mg – addition of S29 and wastage claimable
- Pericyazine (Neulactil S29) tab 2.5 mg and 10 mg – removal of S29 and wastage
- Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) tab 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg – Special Authority removed and tablet restriction added on 10 mg tablet
- Tenofovir disoproxil (Viread) tab 245 mg (300 mg as a fumarate) – repeat rule added
- Travoprost (Travopt) eye drops 0.004%, 5 ml OP – Sole Supply suspended
- Varenicline tartrate (Champix) tab 1 mg and 0.5 mg x 11 and 1 mg x 14 – amended note
- Ziprasidone (Zusdone) cap 20 mg – Sole Supply delayed

**Increased subsidy**

<b>Chemical</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Fully subsidised brands</b>
Baclofen	Tab 10 mg	Pacifen
Betamethasone valerate	Crn 0.1%, 50 g OP Oint 0.1%, 50 g OP	Beta Cream Beta Ointment
Cefalexin	Grans for oral liq 25 mg per ml and 50 mg per ml	Cefalexin Sandoz
Clomipramine hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg and 25 mg	Apo-Clomipramine
Cyclophosphamide	Inj 1 g and 2 g vial	Endoxan
Dexamethasone	Tab 0.5 mg and 4 mg	Dexmethsone
Dexamfetamine sulfate	Tab 5 mg	PSM
Diclofenac sodium	Tab EC 50 mg Tab long-acting 75 mg	Diclofenac Sandoz Apo-Diclo SR
Diltiazem hydrochloride	Cap long-acting 120 mg, 180 mg and 240 mg	Apo-Diltiazem CD
Flucloxacillin	Grans for oral liq 50 mg per ml	AFT
Fluorouracil	Inj 50 mg per ml, 20 ml vial	Fluorouracil Ebewe
Folic acid	Tab 0.8 mg and 5 mg	Apo-Folic Acid
Glatiramer acetate	Inj 20 mg prefilled syringe	Copaxone
Glibenclamide	Tab 5 mg	Daonil
Glycerol	Suppos 3.6 g	PSM
Isoniazid	Tab 100 mg	PSM
Megestrol acetate	Tab 160 mg	Apo-Megestrol
Methadone hydrochloride	Oral liq 2 mg per ml Oral liq 5 mg per ml Oral liq 10 mg per ml	Biodone Forte Biodone Extra Forte Biodon
Metoprolol tartrate	Tab 50 mg and 100 mg	Apo-Metoprolol
Mirtazapine	Tab 30 mg and 45 mg	Apo-Mirtazapine
Nadolol	Tab 40 mg and 80 mg	Apo-Nadolol
Naproxen	Tab long-acting 750 mg Tab long-acting 1 g	Naprosyn SR 750 Naprosyn SR 1000
Oxytocin with ergometrine maleate	Inj 5 iu with ergometrine maleate 500 mcg per ml, 1 ml	Syntometrine
Phenobarbitone	Tab 15 mg and 30 mg	PSM
Pindolol	Tab 5 mg, 10 mg and 15 mg	Apo-Pindolol
Potassium citrate	Oral liq 3 mmol per ml, 200 ml OP	Biomed
Potassium chloride	Tab long-acting 600 mg (8mmol)	Span-K
Propranolol	Tab 10 mg and 40 mg	Apo-Propranolol
Salbutamol	Nebuliser soln, 1 mg per ml and 2 mg per ml, 2.5 ml ampoule	Asthalin

Salbutamol with ipratropium bromide	Nebuliser soln, 2.5 mg with ipratropium bromide 0.5 mg per vial, 2.5 ml ampoule	Duolin
Sodium fusidate [fusidic acid]	Eye drops 1%, 5 g OP	Fucithalmic
Trimethoprim	Tab 300 mg	TMP

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Aripiprazole	Tab 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg and 30 mg	Aripiprazole Sandoz*	Abilify
Clonidine hydrochloride	Tab 25 mcg	Clonidine BNM	
Diclofenac sodium	Tab EC 25 mg Tab long-acting 100 mg	Diclofenac Sandoz Apo-Diclo SR	
Gabapentin	Cap 100 mg, 300 mg and 400 mg	Apo-Gabapentin*	Arrow-Gabapentin Neurontin and Nupentin
Imiquimod	Crn 5%, 250 mg sachet	Perrigo*	Apo-Imiquimod Cream 5%
Isotretinoin	Cap 10 mg and 20 mg	Oratane Isotane 10* Isotane 20*	
Lamivudine	Tab 100 mg	Zetlam*	Zeffix
Olanzapine	Inj 210 mg, 300 mg and 405 mg vial	Zyprexa Relprevv	
Rivaroxaban	Tab 10 mg; 15 tab pack	Xarelto	
Somatropin	Inj 5 mg, 10 mg and 15 mg cartridge	Omnitrope	
Tenofovir disoproxil	Tab 245 mg (300 mg as a fumarate)		Viread

\* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 August 2018.