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September 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Calamine (healthE Calamine Aqueous Cream BP) crm, aqueous, BP – only on a prescription, not in combination (p'code 2318628)
- Calcitonin (Miacalcic) inj 100 iu per ml, 1 ml ampoule – Pharmacode change (p'code 2548356)
- Gentamicin sulphate (Wockhardt) inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml – subsidy by endorsement, S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2553309)
- Hydralazine hydrochloride (Onelink) tab 25 mg, 100 tab pack – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – S29 – CBS (p'code 2552191)
- Levodopa and carbidopa (Kinson) tab 100 mg with carbidopa 25 mg (p'code 2445425)
- Phenytoin sodium (Dilantin) cap 100 mg – Pharmacode change (p'code 2552140)
- Thiamine hydrochloride (Max Health) tab 50 mg – only on a prescription (p'code 2543974)
- Verapamil hydrochloride (Isoptin) inj 2.5 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO, Pharmacode change (p'code 2535351)
- Water (Pfizer) inj 10 ml ampoule – restriction criteria apply (p'code 2549840)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Adalimumab inj 20 mg per 0.4 ml and 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled syringe (Humira) and inj 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled pen (HumiraPen) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Compound electrolytes with glucose [dextrose] (Pedialyte-Bubblegum) soln with electrolytes (2 × 500 ml), 1,000 ml OP – amended chemical name
- Heparin sodium inj 1,000 iu per ml, 5 ml ampoule (Hospira and Pfizer) and inj 5,000 iu per ml, 5 ml ampoule (Pfizer) – amended presentation description
- Isoprenaline [isoproterenol] (Isuprel) inj 200 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – amended chemical name
- Letrozole (Letrole and Letromyl) tab 2.5 mg – reinstate STAT dispensing
- Moxifloxacin (Avelox) tab 400 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Sildenafil (Vedafil) tab 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Temozolomide cap 5 mg, 20 mg, 100 mg, 140 mg and 250 mg (Orion Temozolomide) and cap 20 mg (Temizole) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Ursodeoxycholic acid (Ursosan) cap 250 mg – amended Special Authority criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Ethosuximide	Cap 250 mg and oral liq 250 mg per 5 ml	Zarontin
Letrozole	Tab 2.5 mg	Letrole
Quinapril	Tab 5 mg Tab 10 mg	Arrow-Quinapril 5 Arrow-Quinapril 10
Salbutamol	Oral liq 400 mcg per ml	Ventolin
Testosterone undecanoate	Cap 40 mg	Andriol Testocaps

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Fentanyl	Inj 50 mcg per ml, 2 ml ampoule Inj 50 mcg per ml, 10 ml ampoule	Boucher and Muir	
Fluticasone propionate	Metered aqueous nasal spray, 50 mcg per dose, 120 dose OP	Flixonse Hayfever & Allergy	
Heparin sodium	Inj 1,000 iu per ml, 5 ml ampoule Inj 5,000 iu per ml, 5 ml ampoule	Pfizer, Hospira* Pfizer	
Mometasone furoate	Crm 0.1%, 50 g OP Lotn 0.1%, 30 ml OP	Elocon Alcohol Free Elocon	
Nifedipine	Tab long-acting 30 mg	Adefin XL Adalat Oros*	
Oxytocin	Inj 5 iu per ml, 1 ml ampoule Inj 10 iu per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Oxytocin BNM	
Paracetamol	Suppos 125 mg	Gacet	
Pregnancy test – hcg urine	Cassette, 40 test OP	Smith BioMed Rapid Pregnancy Test*	EasyCheck
Quinapril	Tab 20 mg	Arrow-Quinapril 20	
Sildenafil	Tab 100 mg, 4 tab pack	Vedafil	

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 September 2018.