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November 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Amino acid formula (Neocate SYNEO) powder (unflavoured), 400 g OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2555271)
- Cholestyramine (Questran-Lite S29) powder for oral liq 4 g – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2555883)
- Clarithromycin (Klacid) grans for oral liq 250 mg per 5 ml, 50 ml – wastage claimable – maximum of 500 mg per prescription; can be waived by Special Authority (p'code 2535378)
- Cyclizine hydrochloride (Nausicalm) tab 50 mg (p'code 2231220)
- Dorzolamide with timolol (Dortimopt) eye drops 2% with timolol 0.5%, 5 ml OP (p'code 2398354)
- Ergometrine maleate (Ergonovine) inj 250 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO, S29 and wastage claimable (2557061)
- Eformoterol fumarate dihydrate (Oxis Turbuhaler) powder for inhalation 4.5 mcg per dose, breath activated (equivalent to eformoterol fumarate 6 mcg metered dose), 60 dose OP (p'code 2554232)
- Hydrogen peroxide (Crystaderm) crm 1%, 10 g OP (p'code 2399504)
- Insulin pump min basal rate 0.001 U/h (Tandem t:slin X2) (p'code 2556928) and min basal rate 0.025 U/h (MiniMed 640G) (p'code 2556693) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – maximum of 1 dev per prescription, only on a prescription and maximum of 1 insulin pump per patient each four year period
- Insulin pump infusion set (steel cannula, straight insertion) (TruSteel) 6 mm steel cannula; straight insertion; 60 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556863); 6 mm steel cannula; straight insertion; 81 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556871); 8 mm steel cannula; straight insertion; 60 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556898) and 8 mm steel cannula; straight insertion; 81 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556901), 1 OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – maximum of 3 sets per prescription, only on a prescription and maximum of 12 infusion sets will be funded per year
- Insulin pump infusion set (teflon cannula, angle insertion with insertion device) (Autosoft 30) 13 mm teflon cannula; angle insertion; insertion device; 60 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556847) and 13 mm teflon cannula; angle insertion; insertion device; 110 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556855), 1 OP – Special Authority –

Retail pharmacy – maximum of 3 sets per prescription, only on a prescription and maximum of 12 infusion sets will be funded per year

- Insulin pump infusion set (teflon cannula, straight insertion with insertion device) (Autosoft 90) 6 mm teflon cannula; straight insertion; insertion device; 60 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556804); 6 mm teflon cannula; straight insertion; insertion device; 110 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556812); 9 mm teflon cannula; straight insertion; insertion device; 60 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556820) and 9 mm teflon cannula; straight insertion; insertion device; 110 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2556839), 1 OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – maximum of 3 sets per prescription, only on a prescription and maximum of 12 infusion sets will be funded per year
- Insulin pump cartridge (Tandem Cartridge) cartridge 300 U, t:lock x 10, 1 OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – Maximum of 3 sets per prescription, only on a prescription and maximum of 13 packs of cartridge sets will be funded per year (p'code 2556790)
- Methotrexate (Trexate) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2537060) and 10 mg (p'code 2537079), 90 tab pack – PCT – Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Pancreatic enzyme (Creon 25000) cap pancreatin 300 mg (amylase 18,000 Ph Eur U, lipase 25,000 Ph Eur U, total protease 1,000 Ph Eur U) (p'code 2535319)
- Paraffin (healthE) oint liquid paraffin 50% with white soft paraffin 50%, 500 ml OP (p'code 2322072)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Apo-Gabapentin (p'code 2556626), BSF Aripiprazole Sandoz (p'code 2556634) and BSF Tenofovir Disoproxil Teva (p'code 2556642)) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient
- Primidone (Mysoline S29) tab 250 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2557053)
- Povidone iodine (Orion) skin preparation, povidone iodine 10% with 70% alcohol, 100 ml (p'code 2556286)
- Sapropterin dihydrochloride (Kuvan) tab soluble 100 mg, 30 tab OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2351676)
- Tamoxifen citrate (Tamoxifen Sandoz) tab 10 mg (p'code 2556944) and 20 mg (p'code 2556952)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Aripiprazole (Aripiprazole Sandoz) tab 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg and 30 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Gabapentin (Apo-Gabapentin) cap 100 mg, 300 mg and 400 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Glyceryl trinitrate (Glytrin) oral spray, 400 mcg per dose, 200 dose OP – amended PSO quantity
- Medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera) tab 2.5 mg – stat dispensing reinstated

- Phenytoin sodium (Dilantin) oral liq 30 mg per 5 ml – stat dispensing removed
- Tenofovir disoproxil (Tenofovir Disoproxil Teva) tab 245 mg (300.6 mg as a succinate)
– addition of Brand Switch Fee

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Doxorubicin hydrochloride	Inj 2 mg per ml, 100 ml vial	Doxorubicin Ebewe
Ferrous fumarate	Tab 200 mg (65 mg elemental)	Ferro-tab
Oxaliplatin	Inj 5 mg per ml, 20 ml vial	Oxaliccord

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Calamine	Crn, aqueous, BP, 100 g	healthE Calamine Aqueous Cream BP*	Pharmacy Health
Colchicine	Tab 500 mcg	Colgout	
Heparin sodium	Inj 1,000 iu per ml, 35 ml vial	Hospira	
Heparin sodium	Inj 1,000 iu per ml, 5 ml ampoule, 10 and 50 inj pack	Pfizer*	Hospira
Lidocaine [lignocaine] hydrochloride	Inj 2%, 5 ml ampoule	Lidocaine-Claris	
Losartan potassium with hydrochlorothiazide	Tab 50 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg	Arrow-Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide	
Oil in water emulsion	Crn, 500 g	O/W Fatty Emulsion Cream	
Thiamine hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg	Max Health*	Apo-Thiamine

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