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### July 2019 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **July 2019** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

#### New listings

- Amiodarone hydrochloride (Aratac) tab 100 mg (p'code 770620) and 200 mg (p'code 770639) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Carmustine (BiCNU) inj 100 mg vial – PCT only – Specialist, new Pharmacode (p'code 2571234)
- Clozapine (Clozaril) tab 25 mg – safety medicine; prescriber may determine dispensing frequency, Hospital pharmacy [HP4], new Pharmacode (p'code 2534851)
- Docetaxel (Docetacel Accord) inj 20 mg per ml, 4 ml vial – PCT only – Specialist, S29 (p'code 2571161)
- Ethinyloestradiol with levonorgestrel (Femme-Tab ED) tab 20 mg with levonorgestrel 100 mcg and 7 inert tablets (p'code 2423634) and 30 mcg with levonorgestrel 150 mcg and 7 inert tablets (p'code 2423642) – up to 112 tab available on a PSO
- Flecainide acetate (Flecainide Controlled Release Teva) cap long-acting 100 mg 2567113) and 200 mg (p'code 2567121) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Methylphenidate hydrochloride extended-release (Methylphenidate ER – Teva) tab extended-release 18 mg (p'code 2567091), 27 mg (p'code 2562774), 36 mg (p'code 2562782) and 54 mg (p'code 2562790) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, only on a controlled drug form and safety medicine; prescriber may determine dispensing frequency
- Montelukast (Montelukast Mylan) tab 5 mg (p'code 2565943)
- Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) inj 25 mg per ml, 4 ml vial – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority (p'code 2547996)
- Sodium chloride (Fresenius Kabi) inj 0.9%, 5 ml ampoule (p'code 2565749), inj 0.9%, 10 ml ampoule (p'code 2565757) – up to 5 inj available on a PSO
- Sodium chloride (Fresenius Kabi) inj 0.9%, 20 ml ampoule (p'code 2565730)

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

- Adalimumab inj 20 mg per 0.4 ml prefilled syringe 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
- Diltiazem hydrochloride (Apo-Diltiazem CD) cap long-acting 120 mg – stat dispensing removed
- Etanercept (Enbrel) inj 25 mg, 50 mg autoinjector and 50 mg prefilled syringe – amended Special Authority criteria

- Ethinyloestradiol with levonorgestrel tab 20 mg with levonorgestrel 100 mcg and 7 inert tablets (Femme-Tab ED and Microgynon 20 ED) and 30 mcg with levonorgestrel 150 mcg and 7 inert tablets (Femme-Tab ED and Levlen ED) – amended PSO quantity
- Furosemide [frusemide] (Diurin 40) tab 40 mg – stat dispensing removed
- Glatiramer acetate (Copaxone) inj 40 mg prefilled syringe – amended Special Authority
- Interferon beta-1-alpha inj 6 million iu prefilled syringe (Avonex) and injection 6 million iu per 0.5 ml pen injector (Avonex Pen) – amended Special Authority, addition of no patient co-payment payable and Xpharm removed
- Interferon beta-1-beta (Betaferon) inj 8 million iu per 1 ml – amended Special Authority, addition of no patient co-payment payable and Xpharm removed
- Nitrazepam (Nitrados) tab 5 mg – subsidy by endorsement added

**Increased subsidy**

| Chemical            | Presentation  | Fully subsidised brands      |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Aspirin             | Tab dispersible 300 mg  | Ethics Aspirin               |
| Carmustine          | Inj 100 mg for ECP, 100 mg OP   | Baxter                       |
| Cilazapril          | Tab 0.5 mg  | Zapril                       |
| Flutamide           | Tab 250 mg  | Flutamide Mylan and Flutamin |
| Gentamicin sulphate | Inj 40 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule  | Pfizer                       |
| Nicotine            | Patch 7 mg, 14 mg and 21 mg<br>Lozenge 1 mg and 2 mg<br>Gum 2 mg (fruit and mint) and 4 mg (fruit and mint) | Habitrol                     |
| Salbutamol          | Inj 500 mcg per ml, 1 ml  | Ventolin                     |

**Decreased subsidy**

| Chemical                          | Presentation                              | Fully subsidised brands | Partially subsidised brands |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Abacavir sulphate                 | Tab 300 mg                                | Ziagen                  |                             |
| Abacavir sulphate with lamivudine | Tab 600 mg with lamivudine 300 mg         | Kivexa                  |                             |
| Calcitriol                        | Cap 0.25 mcg and 0.5 mcg                  | Calcitrol-AFT           |                             |
| Chloramphenicol                   | Eye drops 0.5%, 10 ml OP                  | Chlorafast              |                             |
| Clindamycin                       | Inj phosphate 150 mg per ml, 4 ml ampoule | Dalacin C               |                             |
| Dihydrocodeine tartrate           | Tab long-acting 60 mg                     | DHC Continus            |                             |
| Dimethicone                       | Crn 5% pump bottle, 500 ml OP             | healthE Dimethicone 5%  |                             |
| Dipyridamole                      | Tab long-acting 150 mg                    | Pytazen SR              |                             |

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| Furosemide [frusemide]      | Inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule   | Frusemide-Claris   |  |
| Loperamide hydrochloride    | Cap 2 mg                         | Diamide Relief     |  |
| Nortriptyline hydrochloride | Tab 10 mg and 25 mg              | Norpress           |  |
| Pantoprazole                | Tab EC 20 mg and 40 mg           | Panzop Relief      |  |
| Pramipexole hydrochloride   | Tab 0.25 mg and 1 mg             | Ramipex            |  |
| Risedronate sodium          | Tab 35 mg                        | Risedronate Sandoz |  |
| Sotalol                     | Tab 80 mg and 160 mg             | Mylan              |  |
| Tenoxicam                   | Tab 20 mg                        | Tilcotil           |  |
| Zoledronic acid             | Inj 0.05 mg per ml, 100 ml, vial | Aclasta            |  |