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April 2020 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This dispatch email is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **April 2020** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

New listings

- Amisulpride (Amisulpride Mylan) tab 100 mg – S29 and wastage Claimable (p'code 2587211)
- Betamethasone dipropionate with calcipotriol (Enstilar) foam spray 500 mcg with calcipotriol 50 mcg per g, 60 g OP (p'code 2582236)
- Dosulepin [dothiepin] hydrochloride (Dosulepin Mylan) tab 75 mg – subsidy by endorsement (p'code 2577542)
- Enoxaparin sodium inj 20 mg in 0.2 ml (p'code 2581868), 40 mg in 0.4 ml (p'code 2581876), 60 mg in 0.6 ml (p'code 2581884), 80 mg in 0.8 ml (p'code 2581892) and 100 mg in 1 ml syringe (p'code 2581892) (Clexane) and inj 120 mg in 0.8 ml (p'code 2581914) and 150 mg in 1 ml syringe (p'code 2581922) (Clexane Forte) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Fulvestrant (Faslodex) inj 50 mg per ml, 5 ml prefilled syringe – Retail pharmacy-Specialist – Special Authority – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2586371)
- Hydrocortisone (Hydrocortisone PSM) crm 1%, 100 g OP – only on a prescription (p'code 2580462)
- Labetalol (Trandate) tab 100 mg (p'code 2582155) and 200 mg (p'code 2582163)
- Lenalidomide (Revlimid) cap 5 mg (p'code 2586339), 10 mg (p'code 2586312) and 15 mg (p'code 2586320), 28 cap pack – Retail pharmacy-Specialist – Special Authority, wastage claimable
- Mepolizumab (Nucala) inj 100 mg vial – Special Authority (p'code 2534460)
- Octreotide (Octreotide Sun) inj 500 mcg per ml, 1 ml vial – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2586002)
- Omeprazole (Omicure) inj 40 mg ampoule with diluent – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2586908)
- Palbociclib (Ibrance) cap 75 mg (p'code 2521814), 100 mg (p'code 2521822) and 125 mg (p'code 2521830) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist – Special Authority – wastage claimable
- Pharmacy services (BSF Buprenorphine Naloxone BNM) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2586258)
- Phenobarbitone sodium (Max Health) inj 200 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2437856)
- Quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide (Accuretic) tab 10 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg, 28 tab pack (p'code 2584077)
- Sulindac (Sulindac Mylan) tab 200 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2586401)

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- Sumatriptan (Imigran) inj 12 mg per ml, 0.5 ml prefilled pen, 2 OP – maximum of 10 inj per prescription (p'code 799661)
- Tetracycline (Accord) tab 250 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2587106)
- Triamcinolone acetonide (Adcortyl) inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2587092)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Buprenorphine with naloxone (Buprenorphine Naloxone BNM) tab sublingual 2 mg with naloxone 0.5 mg and 8 mg with naloxone 2 mg – addition of brand switch fee
- Compound electrolytes (Electral) powder for oral soln – amended PSO quantity
- Ethinyloestradiol with norethisterone (Norimin) tab 35 mcg with norethisterone 500 mcg and 7 inert tab – stat dispensing removed
- Furosemide [frusemide] (Apo-Furosemide) tab 40 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Labetalol (Trandate) tab 100 mg and 200 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Lenalidomide (Revlimid) cap 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 25 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Losartan potassium with hydrochlorothiazide (Arrow- Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide) tab 50 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg – addition of stat dispensing
- Mitomycin C (Teva) inj 5 mg vial – amended brand name
- Norethisterone (Noriday 28) tab 350 mcg – stat dispensing removed
- Primaquine (Primacin) tab 7.5 mg – amended chemical name
- Rituximab (mabthera) inj 100 mg per 10 ml vial and 500 mg per 50 ml vial (Mabthera) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter (Mabthera)) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Rituximab (riximyo) inj 100 mg per 10 ml vial and 500 mg per 50 ml vial (Riximyo) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter (Riximyo)) – amended Special Authority criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Diazepam	Inj 5 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	Hospira
Heparin sodium	Inj 5,000 iu per ml 1 ml	Hospira
Heparinised saline	Inj 10 iu per ml, 5 ml	Pfizer
Triamcinolone acetonide	Inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Kenalog
Vinblastine sulphate	Inj 1 mg per ml, 10 ml vial	Hospira
	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Hyoscine butylbromide	Inj 20 mg, 1 ml	Buscopan	
Ibuprofen	Tab long-acting 800 mg	Ibuprofen SR BNM*	Brufen SR
Lenalidomide	Cap 10 mg and 15 mg, 21 cap pack	Revlimid	
Mebeverine hydrochloride	Tab 135 mg	Colofac	
Mesalazine	Tab long-acting 500 mg	Pentasa	
Rivastigmine	Patch 4.6 mg and 9.5 mg per 24 hour	Generic Partners*	Exelon
Warfarin sodium	Tab 1 mg, 3 mg and 5 mg	Marevan	

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 April 2020.