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November 2020 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Amlodipine (Teva) tab 5 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2601028)
- Anastrozole (Anatrole) tab 1 mg (p'code 2520079)
- Bee venom allergy treatment (VENOX) initiation kit - 5 vials freeze dried venom with diluent (p'code 2596822) and maintenance kit - 1 vial freeze dried venom with diluent (p'code 2596814), 1 OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, S29
- Bicalutamide (Binarex) tab 50 mg (p'code 2600315)
- Bisoprolol fumarate (Bisoprolol Mylan) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2588978), 5 mg (p'code 2589095) and 10 mg (p'code 2589184)
- Calcium carbonate (Cacit) tab eff 1.25 g (500 mg elemental) – subsidy by endorsement, S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2601036)
- Darunavir (Darunavir Mylan) tab 400 mg (p'code 2595486) and 600 mg (p'code 2591294) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Hepatitis B recombinant vaccine (Engerix-B) inj 10 mcg per 0.5 ml prefilled syringe – Xpharm (p'code 2601044)
- Hydroxocobalamin (Hydroxocobalamin Mercury Pharma) inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – up to 6 inj available on a PSO, S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2600591)
- Mebendazole (Vermox) tab 100 mg – only on a prescription (p'code 258040)
- Pravastatin (Pravastatin Mylan) tab 20 mg (p'code 2584948) and 40 mg (p'code 2584956), 28 tab pack

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Benzbromarone tab 50 mg (Narcarcin mite) and tab 100 mg (Desuric, Urinorm and Benzbromaron AL 100) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Chlortalidone [Chlorthalidone] (Hygroton) tab 25 mg – stat dispensing removed
- Condoms (Shield XL and Gold Knight XL) 60 mm – amended PSO quantity and addition of maximum per prescription
- Doxazosin (Apo-Doxazosin) tab 2 mg and 4 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Meningococcal (groups A, C, Y and W-135) conjugate vaccine (Menactra) inj 4 mcg of each meningococcal polysaccharide conjugated to a total of approximately 48 mcg of diphtheria toxoid carrier per 0.5 ml vial – amended restriction criteria

- Methylphenidate hydrochloride tab extended-release 18 mg, 27 mg, 36 mg and 54 mg (Methylphenidate ER-Teva), tab immediate-release 5 mg, 10 mg and 20 mg (Rubifen), tab immediate-release 10 mg (Ritalin) and tab sustained-release 20 mg (Rubifen SR and Ritalin SR) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Methylphenidate hydrochloride extended-release tab extended-release 18 mg, 27 mg, 36 mg and 54 mg (Concerta) and cap modified-release 10 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg and 40 mg (Ritalin LA) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Non-opioid Analgesics – aspirin and chloroform note removed
- Varicella zoster virus (oka strain) live attenuated vaccine [shingles vaccine] (Zostavax) inj 19,400 PFU prefilled syringe plus vial – amended restriction criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Colecalciferol	Cap 1.25 mg (50,000 iu)	Vit.D3
Levodopa with carbidopa	Tab long-acting 200 mg with 50 mg	Sinemet CR
Mebendazole	Oral liq 100 mg per 5 ml, 15 ml	Vermox
Miconazole nitrate	Crn 2%, 15 g OP	Multichem

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Methylphenidate hydrochloride	Tab extended-release 18 mg, 27 mg, 36 mg and 54 mg	Methylphenidate ER – Teva	