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Norfloxacin – restriction change reminder

PHARMAC is reminding clinicians and pharmacists that from 1 July 2014 the restriction applying to norfloxacin tablets in the community will be amended as follows (deletions in strikethrough, additions in bold):

~~Maximum of 6 tab per prescription; can be waived by endorsement – Retail pharmacy – Specialist.~~

Subsidy by endorsement

Only if prescribed for a patient with an uncomplicated urinary tract infection that is unresponsive to a first line agent or with proven resistance to first line agents and the prescription is endorsed accordingly.

This was the subject of a consultation letter dated 25 September 2012 (<http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/2012/09/25/Hospital%20Pharmacueticals%20Consultation.pdf>) and a notification letter dated 19 March 2013 (<http://www.pharmac.health.nz/assets/notification-2013-03-19-of-section-h-listings.pdf>).

PHARMAC agreed to delay the implementation of this decision to 1 July 2014 as at the time of the decision norfloxacin was supplied under a Tender agreement and the decision could have impacted on the supplier.

More information

If you have any questions about this decision, you can email us at enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz or call our toll free number (9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday) on 0800 66 00 50.