

20 April 2017

May 2017 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **May 2017** 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 (Peptamen Junior) powder – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2522349)
- Azathioprine (Imuran) tab 25 mg (p'code 2511770) and 50 mg (p'code 202126) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Dexamethasone phosphate (Max Health) inj 4 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule, 10 inj pack size – up to 5 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2519143)
- Dimethicone (healthE Dimethicone 4% Lotion) lotn 4%200 ml OP (p'code 2351293)
- Gemcitabine hydrochloride (DBL Gemcitabine) inj 1 g, 26.3 ml vial – PCT only – Specialist (p'code 2521423)
- Metoprolol succinate (Myloc CR) tab long-acting 47.5 mg (p'code 2376423)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Amisulpride (Sulprix) tab 100 mg, 200 mg and 400 mg – Brand Switch Fee removed
- Atorvastatin (Lorstat) tab 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg and 80 mg – Brand Switch Fee removed
- Influenza vaccine (Influvac) inj 45 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe – amended restriction
- Metoprolol succinate (Betaloc CR) tab long-acting 47.5 mg and 95 mg – reinstate Stat (all-at-once) dispensing
- Metoprolol succinate (Myloc CR and Metoprolol - AFT CR) tab long-acting 23.75 mg, 47.5 mg, 95 mg and 190 mg – reinstate Stat (all-at-once) dispensing
- Paraldehyde (AFT) inj 5 ml – addition of section 29 and Wastage claimable
- Riluzole (Rilutek) tab 50 mg – addition of section 29 (from 5 April 2017)

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Ondansetron	Tab 4 mg and 8 mg	Apo-Ondansetron* Onrex	

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 May 2017.

Flutamide - mid-month listing

PHARMAC is listing a fully subsidised alternative brand of flutamide tab 250 mg, Flutamide Mylan, from **24 April 2017**.

This is due to a supply issue affecting Mylan's Flutamin brand of flutamide 250 mg tablets.

What you need to know:

- Flutamide Mylan (Pharmacode 2432714) flutamide 250 mg tablets, supplied by Mylan, will be listed in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from **24 April 2017** at a price and subsidy of \$16.50 per 30 tablets;
- Flutamide Mylan will be supplied under section 29 of the Medicines Act, 1981 and wastage may be claimed on dispensings;
- Flutamide is Retail pharmacy-Specialist.

Please note that Ministry of Health Sector Operations Group will be unable to process claims for April 2017 dispensing of Flutamide Mylan 250 mg tablets. Pharmacies can either hold these claims until May OR reclaim them in May when they are rejected for payment in April claims.

We have included instructions below on how to amend your pharmacy software systems. These instructions and this notification is available on the PHARMAC website: <https://www.pharmac.govt.nz/news/notifications>

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To implement the mid-month listing of the above medicine:

- 1) **ON MONDAY 24th April:** Go to any Tonic computer and at the main Dispensary Menu
 - 7. Administration, 3. Updates and Downloads 1 Download/check medicine files.
 - **F4 Check I/Net**
 - Tick **Medicine Update FLUTAMIDE 24 Apr** and press **F7 Dn/Ld Files**
 - After a few moments a message advises: *Download finished - 1 file downloaded.*
 - Click **OK** and **F12 Accept Details**
 - **3. Update Medicines** to make the new medicine file effective immediately.

Click **DONE** next to the Dispensary main menu Tonic Message **24/4 ** Mid Month listing of Flutamide ****

RxOne

This listing will be automatically updated by RxOne. If for some unforeseen circumstance it does not happen, then please refer to our e-Noticeboard on the RxOne Start Menu for instructions.

We appreciate that this may cause some disruption and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact PHARMAC Enquiries at enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz or telephone the helpdesk on FREE phone 0800 660 050 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.