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September 2017 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **September 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

- Hydralazine hydrochloride (AMDIPHARM) tab 25 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, CBS, S29 (p'code 2176181)
- Macrogol 400 and propylene glycol (Systane Unit Dose Ultra) eye drops 0.4% and propylene glycol 0.3%, 0.4 ml – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2397927)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Apo-Leflunomide) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2527014)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Enlifax XR) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2527022)
- Prednisolone acetate (Pred Forte) eye drops 1%, 5 ml OP (p'code 2528258)
- Propranolol (Apo-Propranolol) tab 10 mg (p'code 2525941) and 40 mg (p'code 2525968)
- Sodium chloride (Multichem) inj 0.9%, 5 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2320541)
- Temozolomide (Temizole 20) cap 20 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2527170)
- Temozolomide (Orion Temozolomide) cap 140 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2527165)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Flucloxacillin (Flucil and Flucloxin) inj 1 g vial – PSO quantity amended to 5 inj available on a PSO
- Leflunomide (Apo-Leflunomide) tab 10 mg and 20 mg – Brand Switch Fee payable
- Octreotide (DBL Octreotide) inj 50 mcg per ml, 100 mcg per ml and 500 mcg per ml, 1 ml vial – amended brand name
- Prednisolone acetate (Prednisolone-AFT) eye drops 1%, 10 ml OP – Sole Supply suspended
- Quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide (Accuretic 10 and Accuretic 20) tab 10 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg and tab 20 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg – removal of Stat (all-at-once) dispensing
- Sodium chloride (InterPharma) inj 0.9%, 5 ml ampoule – Sole Supply suspended
- Venlafaxine (Enlifax XR) cap 37.5 mg, 75 mg and 150 mg – Brand Switch Fee payable

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Aminophylline	Inj 25 mg per ml, 10 ml ampoule	DBL Aminophylline
Ergometrine maleate	Inj 500 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	DBL Ergometrine
Octreotide	Inj 50 mcg per ml, 1 ml vial	DBL Octreotide

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands**
Clonidine	Patch 2.5 mg, 100 mcg per day; 5 mg, 200 mcg per day and 7.5 mg, 300 mcg per day	Mylan* Catapres-TTS	
Enoxaparin sodium	Inj 20 mg in 0.2 ml, 40 mg in 0.4 ml, 60 mg in 0.6 ml, 80 mg in 0.8 ml, 100 mg in 1 ml, 120 mg in 0.8 ml and 150 mg in 1 ml syringe	Clexane	
Flucloxacillin	Inj 1 g vial	Flucloxin Flucil*	
Fluticasone	Aerosol inhaler, 50 mcg per dose, 125 mcg per dose and 250 mcg per dose	Floair	
Fluticasone with salmeterol	Aerosol inhaler 50 mcg with salmeterol 25 mcg and 125 mcg with salmeterol 25 mcg	RexAir Seretide*	
Losartan potassium	Tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg	Losartan Actavis	
Octreotide	Inj 100 mcg per ml and 500 mcg per ml, 1 ml vial	DBL Octreotide	
Salmeterol	Aerosol inhaler 25 mcg per dose	Meterol	
Sodium nitroprusside	Test strip, 50 strip OP	Ketostix Accu-Chek Ketur-Test*	

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

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