

18 September 2017

October 2017 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Bisoprolol fumarate (Bosvate) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2515865), 5 mg (p'code 2515873) and 10 mg (p'code 2515881), 90 tab pack
- Carvedilol (Carvedilol Sandoz) tab 6.25 mg (p'code 2527332), 12.5 mg (p'code 2527324) and 25 mg (p'code 2527316)
- Escitalopram (Apo-Escitalopram) tab 10 mg (p'code 2522241) and 20 mg (p'code 2522268)
- Ferric carboxymaltose (Ferinject) inj 50 mg per ml, 10 ml vial – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2401088)
- Finasteride (Ricit) tab 5 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2522756)
- Hyoscine butylbromide (Buscopan) tab 10 mg (p'code 252328)
- Ispaghula (psyllium) husk (Bonvit) powder for oral soln, 500 g OP – Only on a prescription (p'code 2528967)
- Metoprolol succinate (Betaloc CR) tab long-acting 190 mg (p'code 599905)
- Nifedipine (Adalat Oros) tab long-acting 30 mg (p'code 213098) and 60 mg (p'code 213101)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Ciprofloxacin (Ciloxan) eye drops 0.3%, 5 ml OP – amended restriction
- Hyoscine butylbromide tab 10 mg (Buscopan and Gastrosoothe) and inj 20 mg, 1 ml (Buscopan) – amended chemical name
- Nicotine (Habitrol) patch 7 mg, 14 mg and 21 mg, lozenge 1 mg and 2 mg and gum (fruit and mint) 2 mg and 4 mg – Pharmacist able to provide without a prescription
- Paroxetine (Apo-Paroxetine) tab 20 mg – Brand Switch Fee removed

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Methotrexate	Inj 2.5 mg per ml, 2 ml	Hospira
Olsalazine	Cap 250 mg Tab 500 mg	Dipentum
Paracetamol	Oral liq 120 mg per 5 ml	Paracare
Permethrin	Crm 5%, 30 g OP	Lyderm

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Lidocaine [lignocaine] hydrochloride	Oral (gel) soln 2%	Mucosoothe*	Xylocaine Viscous
Metoprolol succinate	Tab long-acting 47.5 mg & 95 mg	Betaloc CR Myloc CR* Metoprolol – AFT CR*	
Multivitamin renal	Cap	Clinicians Renal Vit	
Nystatin	Oral liq 100,000 u per ml, 24 ml OP	Nilstat*	m-Nystatin
Risperidone	Tab 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg & 4 mg	Actavis	

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

Amoxicillin grans for oral liq 250 mg per 5 ml – new listing from 21 September 2017

There has been an increase in demand for amoxicillin grans for oral liquid 250 mg per 5 ml over the last two – three months. The Alphamox 250 brand is being listed earlier than the notified listing date (1 December 2017) due to the increased demand.

Tender changes for the oral liq 125 mg per 5 ml presentation will commence 1 December 2017 as notified. Both strengths of the Ospamox brand from Novartis remain funded.

From 21 September 2017 the following will be listed on the Pharmaceutical Schedule:

Chemical	Formulation	Brand	Pack size	Price and subsidy (ex man, excl GST)	Pharmacode
Amoxicillin	Grans for oral liq 250 mg per 5 ml	Alphamox 250	100 ml	\$1.31	2503565

Restrictions that apply

- Up to 300 ml available on a PSO
- Up to 10 x the maximum PSO quantity for RFPP – see rule 5.2.6
- Wastage claimable – see rule 3.3.2

Please note that Ministry of Health Sector Operations Group will be unable to process claims for September 2017 dispensing of the above listing. Pharmacies can either hold these claims until October OR reclaim them in October when they are rejected for payment in September claims.

Updating your software

These are the instructions from the software vendors:

RxOne users:

RxOne Users: 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.

TONIQ users:

To add the mid-month listing of Alphamox (pcode 2503565)

In Dispensary at main Menu, either click on Tonic message: **21/09 Mid month listing Alphamox - click here**

OR

ON or AFTER Thursday 21st Sept and BEFORE 1st Oct

At the main Dispensary Menu,

- 7. Administration, 3. Updates and Downloads 1 Download/check medicine files.
- **F4 Check I/Net**
- **F5 Select Newer** (will tick the **Medicine Update ALPHAMOX Sept 17** file, and possible others)
- **F7 Dn/Ld Files**, after a few moments a message advises: *Download finished*.
- Click **OK** and **F12 Accept Details**
- **3.Update Medicines** to make the new medicine file effective immediately

Note: This new Alphamox listing will be included in the OCTOBER medicine file update.

We appreciate the assistance of pharmacy in helping to ensure patients continue to receive funded amoxicillin grans for oral liquid.

If you have any questions, you can email PHARMAC at enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz or call 0800 660 050.

Thank you for your ongoing support and assistance on this matter.