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November 2017 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Allopurinol (DP-Allopurinol) tab 100 mg (p'code 2515849) and 300 mg (p'code 2515857)
- Amino acid formula (Neocate Junior Unflavoured) powder (unflavoured), 400 g OP (p'code 2530252) and (Neocate Junior Vanilla) powder (vanilla), 400 g OP (p'code 2530260) – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3]
- Anastrozole (Rolin) tab 1 mg (p'code 2523647)
- Dexamethasone (Ozurdex) ocular implant 700 mcg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2529610)
- Ethinyloestradiol with levonorgestrel tab 20 mcg with levonorgestrel 100 mcg and 7 inert tablets (Microgynon 20 ED) (p'code 2007509) and tab 30 mcg with levonorgestrel 150 mcg and 7 inert tablets (Levlen ED) (p'code 439118) – Up to 84 tab available on PSO
- Macrogol 3350 with potassium chloride, sodium bicarbonate and sodium chloride (Molaxole) powder for oral soln 13.125 g with potassium chloride 46.6 mg, sodium bicarbonate 178.5 mg with sodium chloride 350.7 mg – Maximum of 90 sach per prescription – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2519887)
- Metoclopramide hydrochloride (Metoclopramide Actavis 10) tab 10 mg (p'code 2528878)
- Pemetrexed inj 100 mg (p'code 2524619), 500 mg vial (2524627) (Juno Pemetrexed); and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) (p'code 2532387) – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority
- Simvastatin (Simvastatin Mylan) tab 10 mg (p'code 2520087), 20 mg (p'code 2520095), 40 mg (2520109) and 80 mg (p'code 2520117)
- Terbinafine (Deolate) tab 250 mg (p'code 2522748)
- Travoprost (Travopt) eye drops 0.004%, 5 ml OP (p'code 2523035)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Antiretrovirals – amended Special Authority note
- Betamethasone valerate with sodium fusidate [fusidic acid] (Fucicort) crm 0.1% with sodium fusidate (fusidic acid) 2%, 15 g OP – amended chemical name and presentation description
- Ethinyloestradiol with levonorgestrel tab 20 mcg with levonorgestrel 100 mcg and 7 inert tablets (Ava 20 ED and Microgynon 20 ED) and tab 30 mcg with levonorgestrel 150 mcg and 7 inert tablets (Ava 30 ED and Levlen ED) – amended presentation description
- Metolazone (Metolazone and Zaroxolyn) tab 5 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Minoxidil (Loniten) tab 10 mg – removal of Special Authority
- Sodium cromoglicate cap 100 mg (Nalcrom); powder for inhalation, 20 mg per dose, 50 dose (Intal Spincaps); aerosol inhaler, 5 mg per dose CFC-free, 112 dose OP (Intal Forte CFC Free) and eye drops 2%, 5 ml OP (Rexacrom) – amended chemical name

- Sodium fusidate [fusidic acid] crm 2%, 15 g OP (DP Fusidic Acid Cream); oint 2%, 15 g OP (Foban); tab 250 mg (Fucidin) and eye drops 1%, 5 g OP (Fucithalamic) – amended chemical name
- Testosterone cypionate (Depo-Testosterone) inj 100 mg per ml, 10 ml vial – amended chemical name

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Clotrimazole	Crm 1%, 20 g OP	Clomazol
Miconazole nitrate	Crm 2%, 15 g OP	Multichem
Pyridoxine hydrochloride	Tab 25 mg	Vitamin B6 25