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### January 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **January 2018** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC ([enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz)) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

#### New listings

- Bosentan (Bosentan-Mylan) tab 62.5 mg (p'code 2520125) and 125 mg (p'code 2520133), 60 tab pack size – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Ezetimibe (Ezetimibe Sandoz) tab 10 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2536129)
- Medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera S29) tab 2.5 mg – prescribing guideline, S29, wastage claimable
- Methylnaltrexone bromide (Relistor) inj 12 mg per 0.6 ml vial, 1 vial pack (p'code 2536196) and 7 vial packs (p'code 2536218) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Nicotine (Habitrol) for direct distribution - patch 7 mg, 14 mg and 21 mg, 7 patch pack size; lozenge 1 mg and 2 mg, 36 loz pack size; and gum (fruit and mint) 2 mg and 4 mg, 96 tab pack size – Xpharm
- Omeprazole (Omeprazole actavis 10) cap 10 mg (p'code 2524371), (Omeprazole actavis 20) cap 20 mg (p'code 2524325) and (Omeprazole actavis 40) cap 40 mg (p'code 2524333)
- Pravastatin (Apo-Pravastatin) tab 40 mg – prescribing guideline (p'code 2525984)
- Prochlorperazine (Nausafix) tab 5 mg – up to 30 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2528886)
- Vinblastine sulphate (Vinblastina Teva) inj 1 mg per ml, 10 ml vial – PCT – Retail pharmacy-Specialist – S29, wastage claimable (p'code 2536463)

#### Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Dexamethasone (Ozurdex) ocular implant 700 mcg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Ledipasvir with sofosbuvir (Harvoni) tab 90 mg with sofosbuvir 400 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Paromomycin (Humatin) cap 250 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Sertraline (Arrow-Sertraline) tab 50 mg and 100 mg – Stat dispensing reinstated
- Simvastatin tab 10 mg (Simvastatin Mylan and Arrow-Simva 10mg), tab 20 mg (Simvastatin Mylan and Arrow-Simva 20mg), tab 40 mg (Simvastatin Mylan and Arrow-Simva 40mg) and tab 80 mg (Simvastatin Mylan and Arrow-Simva 80mg) – Stat (all-at-once) dispensing removed
- Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (Viread) tab 300 mg – amended subsidy by endorsement and amended Special Authority criteria

**Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations (cont)**

- Zoledronic acid (Zoledronic acid Mylan and Zometa) inj 4 mg per 5 ml, vial – amended  
Special Authority criteria

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Bendroflumethiazide [bendrofluazide]	Tab 2.5 mg and 5 mg	Arrow Bendrofluazide
Calcium carbonate	Tab 1.25 g (500 mg elemental)	Arrow-Calcium
Dapsone	Tab 25 mg and 100 mg	Dapsone
Diazepam	Tab 2 mg and 5 mg	Arrow-Diazepam
Ibuprofen	Oral liq 20 mg per ml	Fenpaed
Potassium iodate	Tab 253 mg (150 mg elemental iodine)	NeuroTabs
Nicotine	Patch 7 mg, 14 mg and 21 mg (28 patch pack size); Lozenge 1 mg and 2 mg (216 loz pack size); Gum (fruit and mint) 2 mg and 4 mg (384 tab pack size)	Habitrol
Norfloxacin	Tab 400 mg	Arrow-Norfloxacin
Sodium citrate with sodium lauryl sulphoacetate	Enema 90 mg with sodium lauryl sulphoacetate 9 mg per ml, 5 ml	Micolette

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands*
Alendronate sodium	Tab 70 mg	Fosamax	
Alendronate sodium with colecalciferol	Tab 70 mg with colecalciferol 5,600 iu	Fosamax Plus	
Allopurinol	Tab 100 mg and 300 mg	DP-Allopurinol*	Allopurinol-Apotex
Anastrozole	Tab 1 mg	Rolin*	Aremend Arimidex DP-Anastrozole
Ethinylestradiol with levonorgestrel	Tab 20 mcg with levonorgestrel 100 mcg and 7 inert tablets Tab 30 mcg with levonorgestrel 150 mcg and 7 inert tablets	Microgynon 20 ED*  Levlen ED*	Ava 20 ED  Ava 30 ED
Levonorgestrel	Subdermal implant (2 x 75 mg rods)	Jadelle	
Metoclopramide hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg	Metoclopramide Actavis 10*	Metamide
Terbinafine	Tab 250 mg	Deolate*	Dr Reddy's Terbinafine
Travoprost	Eye drops 0.004%, 2.5 ml OP	Travopt*	Travatan

\* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 January 2018.