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July 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Betaine (Cystadane) powder for oral soln – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2536587)
- Denosumab (Prolia) inj 60 mg prefilled syringe – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2406047)
- Eplerenone (Inspra) tab 25 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2316129)
- Heparinised saline (BD PosiFlush) inj 10 iu per ml, 5 ml – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2548437)
- Influenza vaccine (Influvac) inj 45 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe (trivalent vaccine) – only on a prescription, no patient co-payment payable and restriction criteria apply (p'code 2538458)
- Levothyroxine (Synthroid) tab 25 mcg (p'code 2534789). 50 mcg (p'code 2534797) and 100 mcg (p'code 2534800) – listing new Pharmacodes
- Montelukast (Accord) tab 10 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2548321)
- Pericyazine (Neulactil S29) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2547422) and 10 mg (p'code 2547430) – S29, wastage claimable and Safety medicine; prescriber may determine dispensing frequency
- Pregnancy tests – HCG urine (Smith BioMed Rapid Pregnancy Test) cassette – up to 200 test available on a PSO, only on a PSO (p'code 2544873)
- Sildenafil (Vedafil) tab 100 mg, 12 tab pack – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2377810)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Anastrozole (Rolin) tab 1 mg – Brand Switch Fee removed
- Candesartan cilexetil (Candestar) tab 4 mg, 8 mg, 16 mg and 32 mg – Special Authority removed
- Enoxaparin sodium (Clexane) 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 syringes – amended Special Authority criteria
- Gentamicin sulphate (DBL Gentamicin) inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – amended brand name and presentation description
- Gluten free foods – amended Special Authority criteria

- Isoniazid with rifampicin (Rifinah) tab 100 mg with rifampicin 150 mg and tab 150 mg with rifampicin 300 mg – amended chemical name
- Metronidazole (Trichazole) tab 400 mg – PSO restriction added
- Montelukast tab 4 mg, 5 mg and 10 mg (Apo-Montelukast); tab 10 mg (Accord) – STAT (all-at-once) dispensing and Prescribing Guideline removed

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Clonazepam	Inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml	Rivotril
Gentamicin sulphate	Inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	DBL Gentamicin
Interferon alfa-2a	Inj 3 m iu prefilled syringe	Roferon-A
Levodopa with benserazide	Tab dispersible 50 mg with benserazide 12.5 mg Cap 50 mg with benserazide 12.5 mg Cap 100 mg with benserazide 25 mg Cap long-acting 100 mg with benserazide 25 mg Cap 200 mg with benserazide 50 mg	Madopar Rapid Madopar 62.5 Madopar 125 Madopar HBS Madopar 250
Midazolam	Inj 1 mg per ml, 5 ml plastic ampoule	Pfizer
Promethazine hydrochloride	Oral liq 1 mg per ml	Allersoothe

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Acarbose	Tab 50 mg and 100 mg	Glucobay	
Acetylcysteine	Inj 200 mg per ml, 10 ml ampoule	DBL Acetylcysteine	
Atenolol	Tab 50 mg and 100 mg	Mylan Atenolol	
Atorvastatin	Tab 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg and 80 mg	Lorstat	
Azithromycin	Tab 250 mg and 500 mg	Apo-Azithromycin	
Bisacodyl	Suppos 10 mg	Lax-Suppositories	
Buspirone hydrochloride	Tab 5 mg and 10 mg	Orion	
Cabergoline	Tab 0.5 mg, 2 and 8 tab pack	Dostinex	
Candesartan cilexetil	Tab 4 mg, 8 mg, 16 mg and 32 mg	Candestar	
Cetomacrogol	Crm BP	healthE	
Ciclopirox olamine	Nail-soln 8%, 7 ml OP	Apo-Ciclopirox	
Cinacalcet	Tab 30 mg	Sensipar	

Cisplatin	Inj 1 mg per ml, 100 ml vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	DBL Cisplatin Baxter	
Citalopram hydrobromide	Tab 20 mg	PSM Citalopram	
Crotamiton	Crn 10%, 20 g OP	Itch-Soothe	
Dimethicone	Crn 10% pump bottle, 500 ml OP	healthE Dimethicone 10%	
Efavirenz with emtricitabine with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Tab 600 mg with emtricitabine 200 mg and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg	Atripla	
Emtricitabine with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Tab 200 mg with tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Truvada	
Entacapone	Tab 200 mg	Entapone	
Flucloxacillin	Cap 250 mg and 500 mg	Staphlex	
Fluorouracil sodium	Crn 5%, 20 g OP	Efudix	
Hydroxychloroquine	Tab 200 mg	Plaquenil	
Hydroxocobalamin	Inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Neo-B12	
Idarubicin hydrochloride	Inj 5 mg and 10 mg vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Zavedos Baxter	
Lansoprazole	Cap 15 mg and 30 mg	Lanzol Relief	
Lorazepam	Tab 1 mg and 2.5 mg	Ativan	
Miconazole	Oral gel 20 mg per g	Decozol	
Nevirapine	Tab 200 mg	Nevirapine Alphapharm	
Olopatadine	Eye drops 0.1%, 5 ml OP	Patanol	
Oxycodone hydrochloride	Cap immediate-release 5 mg, 10 mg and 20 mg Inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml and 2 ml ampoules Inj 50 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	OxyNorm	
Phenoxyethylpenicillin (penicillin V)	Cap 250 mg and 500 mg	Cilicaine VK	
Promethazine hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg and 25 mg	Allersoothe	
Sildenafil	Tab 25 mg and 50 mg	Vedafil	
Tamsulosin hydrochloride	Cap 400 mcg	Tamsulosin-Rex	
Valaciclovir	Tab 500 mg and 1,000 mg	Vaclovir	
Voriconazole	Tab 50 and 200 mg	Vttack	
Ziprasidone	Cap 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg and 80 mg	Zusdone Zeldox (cap 20 mg only)	
Zinc and castor oil	Oint	Multichem and Boucher*	

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 July 2018.