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### October 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Aqueous cream (Boucher) crm 500 g (p'code 2555115)
- Azactidine (Azacitidine Dr Reddy's) inj 100 mg vial – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority (p'code 2550083)
- Betamethasone dipropionate with calcipotriol (Daivobet) gel 500 mcg with calcipotriol 50 mcg per g, 60 g OP (p'code 2553015)
- Cyproterone acetate (Siterone) tab 50 mg (p'code 2220482) and 100 mg (p'code 2235862) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Eplerenone (Inspra) tab 50 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2555069)
- Felodipine tab long-acting 5 mg (Felo 5 ER) (p'code 2041510) and long-acting 10 mg (Felo 10 ER) (p'code 2041499)
- Metformin hydrochloride (Apotex) tab immediate-release 500 mg (p'code 2400995)
- Nintedanib (Ofev) cap 100 mg (p'code 2553694) and 150 mg (p'code 2553708) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, not subsidised in combination with subsidised pirfenidone
- Omalizumab (Xolair) inj 150 mg prefilled syringe – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2555042)
- Pertuzumab (Baxter) inj 420 mg for ECP, 420 mg OP – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority (p'code 2555328)
- Ruxolitinib (Jakavi) tab 5 mg (p'code 2554763), 15 mg (p'code 2554771) and 20 mg (p'code 2554798) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – wastage claimable
- Sacubitril with valsartan tab 24.3 mg with valsartan 25.7 mg (Entresto 24/26) (p'code 2554720), tab 48.6 mg with valsartan 51.4 mg (Entresto 49/51) (p'code 2554739) and tab 97.2 mg with valsartan 102.8 mg (Entresto 97/103) (p'code 2554747) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Secukinumab (Cosentyx) inj 150 mg per ml, 1 ml prefilled syringe – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2554712)
- Solifenacin succinate (Solifenacin Mylan) tab 5 mg (p'code 2546787) and 10 mg (p'code 2546795)
- Vildagliptin (Galvus) tab 50 mg (p'code 2455161)
- Vildagliptin with metformin hydrochloride (Galvumet) tab 50 mg with 850 mg metformin hydrochloride (p'code 2554801) and tab 50 mg with 1,000 mg metformin hydrochloride (p'code 2554828)

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

- Aqueous cream (AFT SLS-free, Home Essentials and Boucher) crm – reinstate stat dispensing
- Chloroform (PSM) chloroform BP – prescribing restriction quantity added
- Eltrombopag (Revolade) tab 25 mg and 50 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera) tab 2.5 mg – remove stat dispensing
- Methylprednisolone (as sodium succinate) (Solu-Medrol-Act-O-Vial) inj 40 mg, 125 mg and 500 mg – amended brand name
- Montelukast tab 4 mg, 5 mg and 10 mg (Apo-Montelukast) and tab 10 mg (Accord) – reinstate stat dispensing
- Omalizumab (Xolair) inj 150 mg vial and prefilled syringe – amended Special Authority criteria
- Pirfenidone (Esbriet) cap 267 mg – amended Special Authority and added note
- Solifenacin succinate (Vesicare) tab 5 mg and 10 mg – Special Authority moved from chemical to brand level
- Tacrolimus (Tacrolimus Sandoz) cap 0.5 mg, 1 mg and 5 mg – amended Special Authority criteria, note removed and Sole Supply removed
- Tiotropium bromide powder for inhalation, 18 mcg per dose (Spiriva) and soln for inhalation 2.5 mcg per dose (Spiriva Respimat) – Special Authority removed and replaced with subsidy by endorsement

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Azithromycin	Grans for oral liq 200 mg per 5 ml (40 mg per ml)	Zithromax
Benzathine benzylpenicillin	Inj 900 mg (1.2 million units) in 2.3 ml syringe	Bicillin LA
Betamethasone valerate	Lotn 0.1%, 50 ml OP	Betnovate
Bezafibrate	Tab 200 mg Tab long-acting 400 mg	Bezalip Bezalip Retard
Bleomycin sulphate	Inj 15,000 iu, vial Inj 1,000 iu for ECP	DBL Bleomycin Sulfate Baxter
Glipizide	Tab 5 mg	Minidiab
Lisinopril	Tab 5 mg, 10 mg and 20 mg	Ethics Lisinopril
Methylprednisolone	Tab 4 mg and 100 mg	Medrol
Methylprednisolone acetate	Inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml vial	Depo-Medrol
Methylprednisolone (as sodium succinate)	Inj 1g vial Inj 40 mg, 125 mg and 500 mg vial	Solu-Medrol Solu-Medrol-Act-O-Vial

Morphine hydrochloride	Oral liq 1 mg per ml, 2 mg per ml, 5 mg per ml and 10 mg per ml	RA-Morph
Naproxen	Tab 250 mg Tab 500 mg	Noflam 250 Noflam 500
Quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide	Tab 10 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg Tab 20 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg	Accuretic 10 Accuretic 20
Sodium fluoride	Tab 1.1 mg (0.5 mg elemental)	PSM
Voriconazole	Powder for oral suspension 40 mg per ml	Vfend
Zopiclone	Tab 7.5 mg	Zopiclone Actavis

**Decreased subsidy**

<b>Chemical</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Fully subsidised brands</b>	<b>Partially subsidised brands</b>
Atropine sulphate	Inj 600 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Martindale*	AstraZeneca
Betamethasone dipropionate with calcipotriol	Oint 500 mcg with calcipotriol 50 mcg per g, 30 g OP	Daivobet	
Clonidine hydrochloride	Inj 150 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Medsurge*	Catapres
Eltrombopag	Tab 25 mg and 50 mg	Revolade	
Entecavir	Tab 0.5 mg	Entecavir Sandoz*	Baraclude
Fingolimod	Cap 0.5 mg	Gilenya	
Isotretinoin	Cap 10 mg and cap 20 mg	Isotane 20 Oratane*	Isotane 10
Omalizumab	Inj 150 mg vial	Xolair	
Tacrolimus	Cap 0.5 mg, 1 mg and 5 mg	Tacrolimus Sandoz	

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