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### December 2018 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Bimatoprost (Bimatoprost Multichem) eye drops 0.03%, 3 ml OP (p'code 2545128)
- Clozapine (Clozaril) tab 25 mg – Hospital pharmacy [HP4], safety medicine; prescriber may determine dispensing frequency (p'code 2534843)
- Lamotrigine (Logem) tab dispersible 25 mg (p'code 2553376), 50 mg (p'code 2553384) and 100 mg (p'code 2553392)
- Metformin hydrochloride (Apotex) tab immediate-release 850 mg (p'code 2401002)
- Nifedipine (Adefin XL) tab long-acting 60 mg (2444054)
- Pancreatic enzyme (Creon 10000) cap pancreatin 150 mg (amylase 8,000 Ph Eur U, lipase 10,000 Ph Eur U, total protease 600 Ph Eur U) (p'code 2535300)
- Paracetamol (Gacet) suppos 500 mg (p'code 2552663)
- Phosphorus (Phosphate Phebra) tab eff 500 mg (16 mmol) (p'code 2553325)
- Propafenone hydrochloride (Rytmonorm) tab 150 mg – Retail pharmacy-Specialist (p'code 2534339)

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

- Abiraterone acetate (Zytiga) tab 250 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Pegylated interferon alfa-2a (Pegasys) inj 180 mcg prefilled syringe – addition of note
- Solifenacin succinate (Vesicare) tablet 5 mg and 10 mg – Special Authority removed

#### Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Diazepam	Rectal tubes 5 mg	Stesolid
Disulfiram	Tab 200 mg	Antabuse
Terbutaline sulphate	Powder for inhalation, 250 mcg per dose, breath activated, 200 dose OP	Bricanyl Turbuhaler
Testosterone	Patch 5 mg per day	Androderm

**Decreased subsidy**

<b>Chemical</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Fully subsidised brands</b>	<b>Partially subsidised brands</b>
Aqueous cream	Crn, 500 g	Boucher*	AFT SLS-free
Azacididine	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter	
Bosentan	Tab 62.5 mg	Bosentan-Mylan and Bosentan Dr Reddy's*	Bosentan-Mylan
	Tab 125 mg		
Cyproterone acetate	Tab 50 mg and 100 mg	Siterone*	Procur
Felodipine	Tab long-acting 5 mg and 10 mg	Felo 5 ER* Felo 10 ER*	Plendil ER
Solifenacin succinate	Tablet 5 mg and 10 mg	Solifenacin Mylan*	Vesicare

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