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### March 2019 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **March 2019** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) if you want to change or remove your contact details.

#### New listings

- Amiodarone hydrochloride (Cordarone X) inj 50 mg per ml, 3 ml ampoule – up to 6 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2426137)
- Arsenic trioxide (Phenasen) inj 1 mg per ml, 10 ml vial – PCT only – Specialist (p'code 2560518)
- Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccine (SII-Onco-BCG) inj 40 mg per ml, vial – PCT only – Specialist – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2474239)
- Filgrastim (Nivestim) inj 300 mcg per 0.5 ml (p'code 2561956) and inj 480 mcg per 0.5 ml prefilled syringe (p'code 2561964) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Fluorometholone (Flucon) eye drops 0.1%, 5 ml OP (p'code 284866)
- Ibuprofen (Ethics) oral liq 20 mg per ml, 200 ml (p'code 2551985)
- Oxycodone hydrochloride (Oxycodone Sandoz) tab controlled-release 10 mg (p'code 2559722), 20 mg (p'code 2559730), 40 mg (p'code 2559749) and 80 mg (p'code 2559757) – only on a controlled drug form, no patient co-payment payable and safety medicine; prescriber may determine dispensing frequency
- Pharmacy service (BSF Eleyso) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2561972)
- Sodium fusidate [fusidic acid] (Foban) crm 2% (p'code 2556170) and oint 2% (p'code 2556189), 5 g OP – maximum of 15 g per prescription, only on a prescription and not in combination
- Valganciclovir (Valganciclovir Mylan) tab 450 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2558491)

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

- Acarbose tab 50 mg (Glucobay) and tab 100 mg (Glucobay and Acarbose Mylan) – reinstate stat dispensing
- Amiodarone hydrochloride (Cordarone X and Lodi) inj 50 mg per ml, 3 ml ampoule – amended PSO quantity
- Hepatitis B recombinant vaccine (Engerix-B) inj 20 mcg per 1 ml prefilled syringe – amended criteria
- Imiglucerase (Cerezyme) inj 40 iu per ml, 400 iu vial – amended Special Authority criteria

- Influenza vaccine inj 60 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe (paediatric quadrivalent vaccine) (Fluarix Tetra) and inj 60 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe (quadrivalent vaccine) (Influvac Tetra) – amended criteria
- Labetalol (Hybloc) tab 50 mg, 100 mg and 200 mg – remove stat dispensing
- Medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera) tab 2.5 mg and 5 mg, 56 tab pack – remove S29 and wastage claimable
- Moroctocog alfa [Recombinant factor VIII] (Xyntha) inj 250 iu, inj 500 iu, inj 1,000 iu, inj 2,000 iu and inj 3,000 iu prefilled syringe – amended note
- Octocog alfa [Recombinant factor VIII] (Advate) inj 250 iu, inj 500 iu, inj 1,000 iu, inj 1,500 iu, inj 2,000 iu and inj 3,000 iu vial – amended note
- Octocog alfa [Recombinant factor VIII] (Kogenate FS) inj 250 iu, inj 500 iu, inj 1,000 iu, inj 2,000 iu and inj 3,000 iu vial – amended note
- Oxybutynin (Apo-Oxybutynin) tab 5 mg – remove S29 and wastage claimable
- Rituximab inj 100 mg per 10 ml vial and 500 mg per 50 ml vial (Mabthera) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Taliglucerase alfa (Eleyso) inj 200 unit vial – addition of Brand switch fee and amended Special Authority criteria
- Tenofovir disoproxil (Tenofovir Disoproxil Teva) tab 245 mg (300.6 mg as a succinate) – addition of wastage rule
- Zoledronic acid (Aclasta) inj 0.05 mg per ml, 100 ml, vial – amended Special Authority criteria

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Carmustine	Inj 100 mg for ECP	Baxter
Enalapril maleate	Tab 5 mg, 10 mg & 20 mg	Ethics Enalapril
Vinorelbine	Inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml & 5 ml vials	Navelbine

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Domperidone	Tab 10 mg	Pharmacy Health*	Prokinex
Varenicline tartrate	Tab 1 mg Tab 0.5 mg x 11 and 1 mg x 14, 25 OP	Varenicline Pfizer*	Champix
Zoledronic acid	Inj 4 mg per 5 ml, vial	Zoledronic acid Mylan	

\* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 March 2019.