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### June 2019 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Acarbose (Accarb) tab 100 mg (p'code 2402416)
- Arsenic trioxide (Baxter) inj 10 mg for ECP, 10 mg OP, PCT only-Specialist (p'code 2568675)
- Heparin sodium (Pfizer) inj 25,000 iu per ml, 0.2 ml – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2567032)
- Labetalol (Presolol) tab 100 mg (p'code 2565560) and 200 mg (p'code 2565579) – S29 and wastage claimable
- Methadone hydrochloride (Methatabs) tab 5 mg – only on a controlled drug form, no patient no-payment payable and safety medicine; prescriber may determine dispensing frequency (p'code 2565277)
- Methyldopa (Methyldopa Mylan S29) tab 250 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2567989)
- Metoclopramide hydrochloride (Link Healthcare) inj 5 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO, S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2567393)

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

- Acarbose (Accarb) tab 50 mg – S29 and wastage removed
- Chloroform (PSM) chloroform BP – addition of note
- Collodion flexible (PSM) collodion flexible – addition of note
- Dasatinib (Sprycel) tab 20 mg, 50 mg and 70 mg – amended Special Authority, removal of Xpharm and addition of wastage claimable
- Dosulepin [dothiepin] hydrochloride (Dopress) tab 75 mg and cap 25 mg – subsidy by endorsement added
- Insulin pen needles (Berpu) 31 g x 6 mm – amended brand name
- Methadone hydrochloride (Methatabs) tab 5 mg - bottle pack – amended presentation description
- Para-amino salicylic acid (Paser) grans for oral liq 4 g sachet – amended Endorsement criteria
- Paracetamol (Priceline, Paracetamol Pharmacare, Pharmacare and Pharmacy Health) tab 500 mg - blister pack – restrictions removed and stat dispensing reinstated
- Protionamide (Peteha) tab 250 mg – amended Endorsement criteria
- Taliglucerase alfa (Eleyso) inj 200 unit – Brand Switch Fee removed

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Carboplatin	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter
Roxithromycin	Tab 150 mg and 300 mg	Arrow-Roxithromycin

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Atazanavir sulphate	Cap 150 mg and 200 mg	Teva*	Reyataz
Efavirenz with emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil	Tab 600 mg with emtricitabine 200 mg and tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (300 mg as a fumarate)	Mylan*	Atripla
Emtricitabine with tenofovir disoproxil	Tab 200 mg with tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (300 mg as a fumarate)		
Factor eight inhibitor bypassing fraction	Inj 500 U	FEIBA NF	
Insulin pen needles	31 g x 6 mm	Berpu	
Levomepromazine maleate	Tab 25 mg and 100 mg	Nozinan	Truvada
Lidocaine [lignocaine]	Gel 2%, 10 ml urethral syringe	Cathejell Pfizer*	
Methadone hydrochloride	Tab 5 mg-bottle pack	Methatabs	

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

**Paracetamol – update**

We are now confident that we have enough stock of paracetamol 500 mg tablets (blister packs) in New Zealand to remove the dispensing restrictions from 1 June 2019.

We have advised wholesalers that they can now remove restrictions on supply to pharmacists. However, we ask that pharmacists order only what is needed at this time to help with maintaining supply in the distribution chain.

We acknowledge the additional work this stock issue has caused for pharmacists and wholesalers.