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### January 2020 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This dispatch email is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **January 2020** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

#### New listings

- Acetylcysteine (Martindale Pharma) inj 200 mg per ml, 10 ml ampoule – Retail pharmacy-Specialist – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2318857)
- Enalapril maleate (Acetec) tab 5 mg (p'code 2572230), 10 mg (p'code 2572249) and 20 mg (p'code 2572257)
- Famotidine (Famotidine Hovid) tab 20 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2580586)
- Heparin sodium (Heparin Ratiopharm) inj 25,000 iu per ml, 0.2 ml – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2581191)
- Lidocaine [lignocaine] (Instillagel Lido) gel 2%, 11 ml urethral syringe – subsidy by endorsement and up to 5 each available on a PSO (p'code 2580497)
- Octreotide (Octreotide MaxRx) inj 50 mcg per ml, 1 ml vial – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2396939)
- Pentostatin [deoxycoformycin] (Nipent) inj 10 mg – PCT only – Specialist – S29 (p'code 2580713)
- Podophyllotoxin (Condyline S29) soln 0.5%, 3.5 ml OP – maximum of 3.5 ml per prescription, only on a prescription and S29 (p'code 2581086)
- Vitamin A with vitamins D and C (Vitadol C) soln 1000 u with vitamin D 400 u and ascorbic acid 30 mg per 10 drops, 10 ml OP (p'code 527831)

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

- Glatiramer acetate (Copaxone) inj 40 mg prefilled syringe – no patient co-payment payable removed
- Interferon beta-1-alpha inj 6 million iu prefilled syringe (Avonex) and injection 6 million iu per 0.5 ml pen injector (Avonex Pen) – no patient co-payment payable removed
- Interferon beta-1-beta (Betaferon) inj 8 million iu per 1 ml – no patient co-payment payable removed
- Lamotrigine (Logem) tab dispersible 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg – Brand switch fee removed
- Lithium carbonate (Lithicarb FC) tab 250 mg – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Nitrofluantoion (Nifuran) tab 50 mg – addition of 30 tab subsidised on a PSO
- Quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide (Accuretic 10) tab 10 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg – stat dispensing removed

- Ropinirole hydrochloride (Ropin) tab 0.25 mg – addition of section 29 and wastage claimable
- Temozolomide (Amneal) cap 140 mg and 250 mg – amended brand name

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Hydrocortisone	Crm 1%, 500 g	Pharmacy Health
Isosorbide mononitrate	Tab long-acting 40 mg	Ismo 40 Retard
Nifedipine	Tab long-acting 20 mg	Nyefax Retard

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Apomorphine hydrochloride	Inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	Movapo	