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February 2020 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Apomorphine hydrochloride (Movapo) inj 10 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule (p'code 2581159)
- Capecitabine (Capercit) tab 150 mg (p'code 2578115) and tab 500 mg (p'code 2578123) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist
- Dexamethasone phosphate (Dexamethasone Phosphate Panpharma) inj 4 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (p'code 2568365) and inj 4 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule (p'code 2568357) – up to 5 inj available on a PSO and not funded for oral use
- Famotidine (Famotidine Hovid) tab 20 mg, 100 tab pack – S29, wastage claimable and only on a prescription (p'code 2581752)
- Ibuprofen (Ibuprofen SR BNM) tab long-acting 800 mg (p'code 2581728)
- Influenza vaccine (Afluria Quad Junior (2020 Formulation)) inj 30 mcg in 0.25 ml syringe (paediatric quadrivalent vaccine) – Xpharm and restrictions apply (p'code 2581442)
- Influenza vaccine (Afluria Quad (2020 Formulation)) inj 60 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe (quadrivalent vaccine) – only on a prescription, no patient no-payment payable and restrictions apply (p'code 2581434)
- Metronidazole (Metrogyl) tab 200 mg – up to 30 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2580071) and tab 400 mg – up to 15 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2580098)
- Olaparib (Lynparza) cap 50 mg (p'code 2513242), 100 mg (p'code 2578441) and 150 mg (p'code 2578468) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist – Special Authority, and wastage claimable on cap 50 mg
- Pharmacy services (BSF Flecainide BNM) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2581744)
- Rivastigmine (Generic Partners) patch 4.6 mg per 24 hour (p'code 2581493) and patch 9.5 mg per 24 hour (p'code 2581507) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Sulindac (Mylan) tab 100 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2580330)
- Triamcinolone acetonide (Triaver) inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – S29 (p'code 2581620)
- Verapamil hydrochloride (Isoptin SR) tab long-acting 240 mg (p'code 2535343)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Alectinib (Alecensa) cap 150 mg – addition of wastage claimable
- Amiodarone hydrochloride (Max Health) inj 50 mg per ml, 3 ml ampoule – amended PSO quantity

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- Flecainide acetate (Flecainide BNM) tab 50 mg – addition of brand switch fee
- Fluoxetine hydrochloride (Arrow-Fluoxetine) tab dispersible 20 mg, scored – reinstate stat dispensing and subsidy by endorsement
- Ropinirole (Ropin) tab 0.25 mg – S29 and wastage claimable removed
- Taliglucerase alfa (Elelyso) inj 200 unit vial – amended Special Authority criteria
- 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 – addition of note

Increased subsidy

| Chemical | Presentation | Fully subsidised brands |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adrenaline | Inj 1 in 1,000, 1 ml ampoule | DBL Adrenaline |
| Prednisolone acetate | Eye drops 1%, 10 ml OP | Prednisolone-AFT |
| Tolcapone | Tab 100 mg | Tasmar |

Increased subsidy but not price

| Chemical | Presentation | Fully subsidised brands |
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| Levonorgestrel | Tab 30 mcg | Microlut |