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October 2020 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Ambrisentan (Ambrisentan Mylan) tab 5 mg (p'code 2595451) and 10 mg (p'code 2595478) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Amlodipine (Vasorex) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2592509)
- Budesonide with eformoterol (DuoResp Spiromax) powder for inhalation 160 mcg with 4.5 mcg eformoterol fumarate per dose (equivalent to 200 mcg budesonide with 6 mcg eformoterol fumarate metered dose), 120 dose OP (p'code 2576031)
- Budesonide with eformoterol (DuoResp Spiromax) powder for inhalation 320 mcg with 9 mcg eformoterol fumarate per dose (equivalent to 400 mcg budesonide with 12 mcg eformoterol fumarate metered dose), 120 dose OP – no more than 2 dose per day (p'code 2576058)
- Emulsifying ointment (Emulsifying Ointment ADE) oint BP, 500 g (p'code 2597535)
- Furosemide [frusemide] (Furosemide-Baxter) inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2599503)
- Heparin sodium (DBL Heparin Sodium) inj 5,000 iu per ml, 1 ml – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2599902)
- Magnesium hydroxide (Phillips Milk of Magnesia) suspension 8%, 355 ml – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2599953)
- Midazolam (Midazolam-Baxter) inj 5 mg per ml, 3 ml ampoule – safety medicine; prescriber may determine dispensing frequency (p'code 2599260)
- Paracetamol (Pharmacare) tab 500 mg – bottle pack – maximum of 300 tab per prescription; can be waived by endorsement (p'code 2593475)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Lamictal) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2599341)
- Prednisolone sodium (Essential Prednisolone) rectal foam 20 mg per dose (14 applications), 1 OP – S29 (p'code 2598469)
- Warfarin sodium (Coumadin) tab 1 mg (p'code 2586967) and tab 2 mg (p'code 2586975)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Celiprolol (Celol) tab 200 mg – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Ibuprofen (Ibuprofen SR BNM and Brufen SR) tab long-acting 800 mg – reinstate stat dispensing

- Insulin pump (Tandem t:slim X2 with Basal-IQ) min basal rate 0.1 U/h – amended brand name
- Lamotrigine (Lamictal) tab dispersible 5 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Prochlorperazine (Nausafix) tab 5 mg – stat dispensing removed
- Terazosin (Apo-Terazosin) tab 2 mg and 5 mg – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Triamcinolone acetonide inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (Kenacort-A 10) and inj 40 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (Kenacort-A 40) – Sole supply delayed until 1 April 2021

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Fluconazole	Powder for oral suspension 10 mg per ml, 35 ml	Diflucan
Loratadine	Oral liq 1 mg per ml, 120 ml	Lorfast
Losartan potassium	Tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg	Losartan Actavis
Metoprolol succinate	Tab long-acting 23.75 mg, 47.5 mg, 95 mg and 190 mg	Betaloc CR
Mitomycin C	Inj 1 mg per ECP	Baxter
Naltrexone hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg	Naltraccord

Increased subsidy but not price

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Mebendazole	Oral liq 100 mg per 5 ml, 15 ml	Vermox