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January 2021 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This dispatch email is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **January 2021** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

New listings

- Cyclopentolate hydrochloride (Minims Cyclopentolate) eye drops 1%, single dose (preservative free), 20 dose – only on a prescription (p'code 2603160)
- Desmopressin (Minirin Melt) wafer 120 mcg (p'code 2603268)
- Famotidine (Mylan) inj 10 mg per ml, 4 ml – only on a prescription, subsidy by endorsement, S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2602776)
- Hydroxocobalamin (Vita-B12) inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – up to 6 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2603055)
- Imatinib mesilate (Imatinib-Rex) cap 100 mg (p'code 2594315)
- Ketorolac trometamol (Acular) eye drops 0.5%, 5 ml OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 307904)
- Mesalazine (Pentasa) modified release granules, 1 g, 100 OP – new pack size (p'code 2601354)
- Midazolam (Midazolam-Baxter) inj 1 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule – safety medicine (p'code 2599279)
- Mitomycin C (Omegapharm) inj 20 mg vial – PCT only – Specialist (p'code 2580160)
- Multivitamins (Paediatric Seravit) powder, 200 g OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, new Pharmacode (p'code 2601435)
- Nepafenac (Ilevro) eye drops 0.3%, 3 ml OP (p'code 2603101)
- Nifedipine tab long-acting 10 mg (Tensipine MR10) (p'code 2603217), tab long-acting 30 mg (p'code 2602911) and 60 mg (p'code 2602938) (Mylan) – S29 and wastage claimable

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Desmopressin acetate (Minirin) tab 100 mcg and 200 mcg, and inj 4 mcg per ml, 1 ml – Special Authority removed
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine (Boostrix) inj 2 IU diphtheria toxoid with 20 IU tetanus toxoid, 8 mcg pertussis toxoid, 8 mcg pertussis filamentous haemagglutinin and 2.5 mcg pertactin in 0.5 ml syringe – amended restriction criteria
- Infliximab inj 100 mg (Remicade) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Lamotrigine (Lamictal) tab dispersible 5 mg – brand switch fee removed
- Perindopril (Apo-Perindopril) tab 2 mg and 4 mg – stat dispensing removed
- Oral and enteral feeds – amended therapeutic sub-group name

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Bicalutamide	Tab 50 mg	Binarex
Brimonidine tartrate	Eye drops 0.2%, 5 ml OP	Arrow-Brimonidine
Celecoxib	Cap 100 mg and 200 mg	Celecoxib Pfizer
Ciprofloxacin	Eye drops 0.3%, 5 ml OP	Ciprofloxacin Teva
Cyproterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol	Tab 2 mg with ethinyloestradiol 35 mcg and 7 inert tabs	Ginet
Disulfiram	Tab 200 mg	Antabuse
Escitalopram	Tab 10 mg and 20 mg	Escitalopram-Apotex
Ipratropium bromide	Aqueous nasal spray, 0.03%, 15 ml OP	Univent
Levothyroxine	Tab 25 mcg, 50 mcg and 100 mcg	Synthroid
Paracetamol with codeine	Tab paracetamol 500 mg with codeine phosphate 8 mg	Paracetamol + Codeine (Relieve)
Phenobarbitone sodium	Inj 200 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Max Health
Sodium phenylbutyrate	Grans 483 mg per g, 174 g OP	Pheburane
Thiamine hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg	Max Health

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Capsaicin	Crn 0.025%, 45 g OP	Zostrix	
Capsaicin	Crn 0.075%, 45 g OP	Zostrix HP	