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April 2021 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Aqueous cream (Medco) crm, 500 g (p'code 2607735)
- Atomoxetine (Strattera) cap 10 mg (p'code 2181568) and 40 mg (p'code 2181592)
- Diabetic oral feed 1kcal/ml (Nutren Diabetes) liquid (vanilla), 200 ml OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2605570)
- Latanoprost with timolol (Arrow - Lattim) eye drops 0.005% with timolol 0.5%, 2.5 ml OP (p'code 2597861)
- Loratadine (Haylor syrup) oral liq 1 mg per ml, 100 ml (p'code 2605678)
- Mepolizumab (Nucala) inj 100 mg prefilled syringe – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2606836)
- Mesalazine (Pentasa) suppos 1 g, 28 pack – new pack size (p'code 2111985)
- Mexiletine hydrochloride (Teva) tab 150 mg (p'code 2605562) and 250 mg (p'code 2607263) – S29 and wastage claimable
- Moclobemide (Aurorix) tab 150 mg – new Pharmacode listing (p'code 2602385)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Bisoprolol Mylan) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2607034)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Darunavir Mylan) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2607026)
- Tenoxicam (Tilcotil) tab 20 mg – new Pharmacode listing (p'code 2520559)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Bisoprolol fumarate (Bisoprolol Mylan) tab 2.5 mg, 5 mg and 10 mg – addition of brand switch fee
- Darunavir (Darunavir Mylan) tab 400 mg and 600 mg – addition of brand switch fee
- Empagliflozin (Jardiance) tab 10 mg and 25 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Empagliflozin with metformin hydrochloride (Jardiamet) tab 5 mg with 500 mg and 1,000 mg metformin hydrochloride and tab 12.5 mg with 500 mg and 1,000 mg metformin hydrochloride – amended Special Authority criteria
- Lapatinib ditosylate (Tykerb) tab 250 mg – amended Special Authority criteria and addition of note
- Omeprazole cap 20 mg (Omeprazole Actavis 20) and cap 40 mg (Omeprazole Actavis 40) – stat dispensing removed
- Pegylated interferon alfa-2a (Pegasys) inj 180 mcg prefilled syringe – amended Special Authority criteria

- Potassium chloride (Juno) inj 75 mg per ml, 10 ml – S29 and wastage removed
- Quinapril tab 5 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 5), tab 10 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 10) and tab 20 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 20) – stat dispensing removed
- SGLT2 inhibitors – amended therapeutic group name and addition of Special Authority
- Sertraline (Setrona, Setrona AU and Arrow-Sertraline) tab 50 mg and 100 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Somatropin (Omnitrope) inj 5 mg, 10 mg and 15 mg cartridge – amended Special Authority criteria
- Zoledronic acid (Zoledronic acid Mylan) inj 4 mg per 5 ml, vial – amended Special Authority criteria

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Aciclovir	Eye oint 3%, 4.5 g OP	ViruPOS	
Bendamustine hydrochloride	Inj 25 mg and 100 mg vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Ribomustine Baxter	
Brinzolamide	Eye drops 1%, 5 ml OP	Azopt	
Ethinylloestradiol with desogestrel	Tab 20 mcg with desogestrel 150 mcg and 7 inert tab	Mercilon 28	

Stopping the printed Schedules and Updates

The April 2021 edition of the Pharmaceutical Schedule will be the final printed and posted book or Update. From May, the Schedule will move online. More information can be found at pharmac.govt.nz/movingonline