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### May 2021 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

#### New listings

- Arginine tab 1,000 mg (Clinicians) (p'code 2400588), cap 500 mg (Solgar) (p'code 2609282) and powder (Biomed) (p'code 2393786) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Atropine sulphate (Hamelin) inj 600 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – Up to 5 inj available on a PSO, S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2609681)
- Coenzyme Q10 cap 120 mg (Solgar) (p'code 2450364) and cap 160 mg (Go Healthy) (p'code 2295253) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Escitalopram (Escitalopram (Ethics)) tab 10 mg (p'code 2349310) and 20 mg (p'code 2349302)
- Levocarnitine tab 500 mg (Solgar) (p'code 2502151), cap 250 mg (Solgar) (p'code 2609274), cap 500 mg (Balance) (p'code 2609266) and oral liq 500 mg per 10 ml, 300 ml (Balance) (p'code 2439816) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Nifedipine (Mylan) tab long-acting 20 mg – S29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2607220)
- Norethisterone (Primolut N) tab 5 mg, 30 tab pack – Up to 30 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2607441)
- Oxycodone hydrochloride (Oxycodone Sandoz S29) tab controlled-release 10 mg, 30 tab (p'code 2609118), 50 tab (p'code 2609126) and 100 tab packs (p'code 2609134), and 20 mg, 50 tab (p'code 2609142) and 100 tab packs (p'code 2609150) – only on a controlled drug form, no patient co-payment payable, safety medicine, S29 and wastage claimable
- Pioglitazone (Vexazone) tab 15 mg, 28 tab pack (p'code 2604817)
- Riboflavin cap 100 mg (Solgar) (p'code 2496402) and tab 100 mg (Country Life) (p'code 2211432) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Secukinumab (Cosentyx) inj 150 mg per ml, 1 ml prefilled syringe, 1 inj pack – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2609665)
- Sucralfate (Carafate) tab 1 g (p'code 2602288)
- Taurine cap 1,000 mg (Life Extension) (p'code 2609290) and powder (Life Extension) (p'code 2609304) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Varenicline tartrate (Champix) tab 0.5 mg × 11 and 1 mg × 42, 53 OP (p'code 2609363) and tab 1 mg (p'code 2251604) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy

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

- Adalimumab inj 20 mg per 0.4 ml prefilled syringe and 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled syringe (Humira) and inj 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled pen (HumiraPen) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Amlodipine tab 2.5 mg (Vasorex, Apo-Amlodipine and Bristol), tab 5 mg (Vasorex, Sandoz, Teva and Apo-Amlodipine) and tab 10 mg (Vasorex, Sandoz and Apo-Amlodipine) – reinstate stat dispensing
- Bendamustine hydrochloride inj 25 mg and 100 mg vial (Ribomustin) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Cilazapril (Zapril) tab 0.5 mg, 2.5 mg and 5 mg – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Etanercept (Enbrel) inj 25 mg, inj 25 mg and 50 mg autoinjector and inj 50 mg prefilled syringe – amended Special Authority criteria
- Hydroxyurea [hydroxycarbamide] (Devatis) cap 500 mg – brand switch fee removed
- Infliximab inj 100 mg (Remicade) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Lenalidomide (Revlimid) cap 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 25 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Secukinumab (Cosentyx) inj 150 mg per ml, 1 ml prefilled syringe – amended Special Authority criteria

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Hypromellose	Eye drops 0.5%, 15 ml OP	Methopt
Potassium chloride	Inj 75 mg per ml, 10 ml	Juno

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Dosulepin [dothiepin] hydrochloride	Tab 75 mg	Dosulepin Mylan	

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