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August 2021 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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This is an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **August 2021** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

The full Update will be available as a [PDF on our website](#). The changes will be published in the online Schedule around the 23rd of this month and are effective from next month.

For any questions about these listing changes or the Pharmaceutical Schedule in general, email us at enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz.

New listings

- Cyclophosphamide (Cyclonex) tab 50 mg – PCT – Retail pharmacy-Specialist (p'code 2611597)
- Cyproterone acetate (Rex) tab 50 mg – section 29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2615452)
- Enteral feed 2 kcal/ml (Ensure Two Cal HN RTH) liquid, 1,000 ml OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2614162)
- Febuxostat (Febuxostat multichem) tab 80 mg (p'code 2614170) and 120 mg (p'code 2614189) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Ibuprofen (Brufen SR) tab long-acting 800 mg (p'code 2534320)
- Indapamide (Mylan Indapamide) tab 2.5 mg – section 29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2616122)
- Insulin infusion set (steel cannula, straight insertion) (TruSteel) 6 mm steel cannula; straight insertion; 80 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2616491) and 8 mm steel cannula; straight insertion; 80 cm line x 10 with 10 needles (p'code 2612550), 1 OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy – maximum 3 sets per prescription; only on a prescription and maximum of 13 infusion sets will be funded per year
- Mirtazapine (Noumed) tab 30 mg (p'code 2616084) and 45 mg (p'code 2616092) – section 29 and wastage claimable
- Paracetamol (Pacimol) tab 500 mg - blister pack, 1,000 pack – maximum of 300 tab per prescription; can be waived by endorsement, up to 30 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2612712)
- Pirfenidone (Esbriet) tab 267 mg – Retail pharmacy-Specialist – Special Authority, Pirfenidone is not subsidised in combination with subsidised nintedanib (p'code 2602156)
- Rasagiline (Azilect) tab 1 mg – stat dispensing, section 29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2611449)

- Sodium hyaluronate [hyaluronic acid] (Hilo-Fresh) eye drops
1 mg per ml, 10 ml OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
(p'code 2608162)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Cyclophosphamide (Endoxan and Procytox) tab 50 mg – wastage claimable moved to section 29 brands only
- Megestrol acetate (Apo-Megestrol) tab 160 mg – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Meningococcal B multicomponent vaccine (Bexsero) inj 175 mcg per 0.5 ml prefilled syringe – amended restriction criteria
- Meningococcal (Groups A, C, Y and W-135) conjugate vaccine (Menactra) inj 4 mcg of each meningococcal polysaccharide conjugated to a total of approximately 48 mcg of diphtheria toxoid carrier per 0.5 ml vial – amended restriction criteria
- Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine (Neisvac-C) inj 10 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe – amended restriction criteria
- Mifepristone (Mifegyne) tab 200 mg – removal of subsidy by endorsement
- Misoprostol (Cytotec) tab 200 mcg – removal of subsidy by endorsement
- Nifedipine tab long-acting 20 mg (Mylan (12 hr release)) and tab long-acting 30 mg and 60 mg (Mylan (24 hr release)) – brand name change
- Pindolol (Apo-Pindolol) tab 5 mg, 10 mg and 15 mg – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Prazosin (Apo-Prazosin) tab 1 mg, 2 mg and 5 mg – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Pregabalin (Pregabalin Pfizer) cap 25 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Rituximab (Riximyo) inj 100 mg per 10 ml vial, 500 mg per 50 ml vial (Riximyo) and 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Selegiline hydrochloride (Apo-Selegiline S29) tab 5 mg – addition of subsidy by endorsement

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Atenolol	Tab 50 mg and 100 mg	Mylan Atenolol
Atropine sulphate	Inj 600 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Martindale
Betamethasone valerate	Crn 0.1%, 50 g OP Oint 0.1%, 50 g OP Scalp app 0.1%, 100 ml OP	Beta Cream Beta Ointment Beta Scalp
Clonidine	Tab 150 mcg Inj 150 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Catapres Medsurge
Cyproterone acetate	Tab 50 mg and 100 mg	Siterone

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Dexamethasone	Tab 0.5 mg and 4 mg	Dexmethsone
Dexamfetamine sulfate	Tab 5 mg	PSM
Diclofenac sodium	Tab EC 25 mg and 50 mg	Diclofenac Sandoz
Doxorubicin hydrochloride	Inj 2 mg per ml, 100 ml vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Doxorubicin Ebewe Baxter
Epirubicin hydrochloride	Inj 2 mg per ml, 100 ml vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Epirubicin Ebewe Baxter
Felodipine	Tab long-acting 5 mg	Felo-5 ER
Fentanyl	Patch 12.5 mcg per hour, 25 mcg per hour, 50 mcg per hour, 75 mcg per hour and 100 mcg per hour	Fentanyl Sandoz
Flucloxacillin	Grans for oral liq 25 mg per ml, 100 ml	AFT
Glibenclamide	Tab 5 mg	Daonil
Isoniazid	Tab 100 mg	PSM
Isoniazid with rifampicin	Tab 100 mg with rifampicin 150 mg and tab 150 mg with rifampicin 300 mg	Rifinah
Letrozole	Tab 2.5 mg	Letrole
Methadone hydrochloride	Oral liq 2 mg per ml Oral liq 5 mg per ml Oral liq 10 mg per ml	Biodone Biodone Forte Biodone Extra Forte
Methotrexate	Tab 2.5 mg and 10 mg	Trexate
Midazolam	Inj 1 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule	Midazolam-Baxter Mylan Midazolam
Mitomycin C	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter
Moclobemide	Tab 150 mg (p'code 2602385) and 300 mg	Aurorix
Naproxen	Tab 500 mg Tab long-acting 750 mg Tab long-acting 1 g	Noflam 500 Naprosyn SR 750 Naprosyn SR 1000
Nevirapine	Tab 200 mg	Nevirapine Alphapharm
Orphenadrine citrate	Tab 100 mg	Norflex
Oxytocin with ergometrine maleate	Inj 5 iu with ergometrine maleate 500 mcg per ml, 1 ml	Syntometrine
Pamidronate disodium	Inj 9 mg per ml, 10 ml vial	Pamisol
Pethidine hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg	PSM
Phenoxymethylpenicillin	Cap 250 mg and 500 mg	Cilicaine VK
Pioglitazone	Tab 15 mg, 30 mg and 45 mg, 90 tab pack	Vexazone

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Salbutamol	Nebuliser soln, 1 mg per ml, 2.5 ml ampoule and 2 mg per ml, 2.5 ml ampoule	Asthalin
Salbutamol with ipratropium bromide	Nebuliser soln 2.5 mg with ipratropium bromide 0.5 mg per vial, 2.5 ml ampoule	Duolin
Sildenafil	Tab 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg	Vedafil
Somatropin	Inj 5 mg and 15 mg cartridge	Omnitrope
Tobramycin	Inj 40 mg per ml, 2 ml vial	Tobramycin Mylan
Tretinoin	Crn 0.5 mg per g, 50 g OP	ReTrieve
Trimethoprim	Tab 300 mg	TMP
Trimethoprim with sulphamethoxazole [co-trimoxazole]	Tab trimethoprim 80 mg with sulphamethoxazole 400 mg	Trisul
Valaciclovir	Tab 500 mg and 1,000 mg	Vaclovir

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Brimonidine tartrate	Eye drops 0.2%, 5 ml OP	Arrow-Brimonidine	
Cetirizine hydrochloride	Oral liq 1 mg per ml, 200 ml	Histaclear	
Sodium hyaluronate [hyaluronic acid]	Eye drops 1 mg per ml, 10 ml OP	Hylo-Fresh (p'code 2396238)	
Varenicline tartrate	Tab 0.5 mg × 11 and 1 mg × 42, 53 OP; and tab 1 mg	Varenicline Pfizer Champix*	

* no subsidy changes for these brands for 1 August 2021.