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## October 2021 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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This is an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **October 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz).

### New listings

- Bortezomib (Bortezomib Juno) inj 3.5 mg vial – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority, section 29 (p'code 2559498)
- Diltiazem hydrochloride (Cardizem CD) cap long-acting 180 mg (p'code 254584) and 240 mg (p'code 254592)
- Enteral/oral feed 1Kcal/ml (Heparon Junior) powder (unflavoured), 400 g OP – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2615568)
- Furosemide [frusemide] (IPCA-Frusemide) tab 40 mg – up to 30 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2618699)
- High fat low carbohydrate formula (KetoCal 3:1) powder (unflavoured), 300 g OP – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2610590)
- Insulin pump (MiniMed 770G) min basal rate 0.025U/h – Special Authority - Retail Pharmacy, maximum 1 dev per prescription, only on prescription and maximum of 1 insulin pump per patient each four year period (p'code 2619628)
- Irinotecan hydrochloride (Accord) inj 20 mg per ml, 5 ml vial – PCT only – Specialist (p'code 2621177)
- Metformin hydrochloride (Metformin Mylan) tab immediate-release 500 mg (p'code 2479257) and 850 mg (p'code 2479265)
- Metoprolol tartrate (IPCA-Metoprolol) tab 50 mg (p'code 2618672) and 100 mg (p'code 2618680)
- Nadolol (Nadolol BNM) tab 40 mg (p'code 2621118) and 80 mg (p'code 2621126) – section 29 and wastage claimable
- Nifedipine (Mylan Italy (24 hr release)) tab long-acting 30 mg – section 29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2618028)
- Palbociclib (Ibrance) tab 75 mg (p'code 2611635), 100 mg (p'code 2611643) and 125 mg (p'code 2611651) – Retail pharmacy-Specialist – Special Authority
- Propranolol (IPCA-Propranolol) tab 40 mg (p'code 2618664)
- Sodium fusidate [fusidic acid] (Fucidin) tab 250 mg, 36 tab pack (p'code 2621053)

- Tacrolimus (Zematop) oint 0.1%, 30 g OP – Special Authority - Retail Pharmacy, maximum of 30 g per prescription, a maximum of 30 g per prescription and no more than one prescription per 12 weeks (p'code 2607646)
- Thiotepea (Max Health) inj 15 mg (p'code 2603136), and 100 mg vial (p'code 2603144) – PCT only – Specialist, section 29
- Upadacitinib (RINVOQ) tab 15 mg – Special Authority - Retail Pharmacy (p'code 2619415)

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

- Clomipramine hydrochloride (Clomipramine Teva) tab 10 mg and 25 mg – removal of section 29 and wastage
- Tocilizumab inj 20 mg per ml, 4 ml, 10 ml and 20 ml vial (Actemra) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria

#### Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Betamethasone valerate	Lotn 0.1%, 50 ml OP	Betnovate
Cisplatin	Inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	DBL Cisplatin Baxter
Glipizide	Tab 5 mg	Minidiab
Isotretinoin	Cap 5 mg Cap 10 mg Cap 20 mg	Oratane
Neostigmine metisulfate	Inj 2.5 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Max Health
Norethisterone	Tab 350 mcg	Noriday 28
Octreotide	Inj 100 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule	Octreotide GH
Povidone iodine	Antiseptic Solution 10%, 100 ml	Riodine
Quinapril with hydrochlorothiazide	Tab 10 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg Tab 20 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg	Accuretic* Accuretic 10 Accuretic 20
Salbutamol	Oral liq 400 mcg per ml	Ventolin
Sodium fluoride	Tab 1.1 mg (0.5 mg elemental)	PSM

\* Accuretic tab 10 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg, 28 tab pack no price and subsidy change.

**Decreased subsidy**

<b>Chemical</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Fully subsidised brands</b>	<b>Partially subsidised brands</b>
Irinotecan hydrochloride	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter	
Modafinil	Tab 100 mg	Modavigil	