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## October 2022 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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This is an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **October 2022** 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

- Amantadine hydrochloride (Symmetrel S29) cap 100 mg – s29 and wastage claimable (p'code 204749)
- Darunavir (Darunavir Mylan) tab 400 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2595486)
- Dosulepin [dothiepin] hydrochloride (Dosulepin Viatris) tab 75 mg – subsidy by endorsement and safety medicine (p'code 2630885)
- Fluconazole (Dizole) cap 50 mg (p'code 2643790)
- Iloprost (Vebulis) nebuliser soln 10 mcg per ml, 2 ml – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2643006)
- Lisinopril (Teva Lisinopril) tab 5 mg (p'code 2643669), tab 10 mg (p'code 2643677) and tab 20 mg (p'code 2643685)
- Macrogol 400 and propylene glycol (Systane Unit Dose) eye drops 0.4% and propylene glycol 0.3%, 0.8 ml, 30 pack – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2640120)
- Metformin hydrochloride (Metformin Viatris) tab immediate-release 500 mg (p'code 2628031)
- Morphine sulphate (Medsurge) inj 5 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (p'code 2602431), inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (p'code 2602458), inj 15 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (p'code 2602466) and inj 30 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule (p'code 2602474) – only on a controlled drug form, no patient co-payment payable and safety medicine
- Orphenadrine citrate (Norflex) tab 100 mg (p'code 2645564)
- Perindopril (Coversyl) tab 8 mg (p'code 2643316)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Amgevita) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2645165)
- Phenytoin sodium (Dilantin) cap 100 mg (p'code 2619431)
- Sodium cromoglicate (Allerfix) eye drops 2%, 10 ml OP (p'code 2645416)
- Ticagrelor (Ticagrelor Sandoz) tab 90 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2638770)

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

- Adalimumab (Amgevita) inj 20 mg per 0.4 ml prefilled syringe and inj 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled pen and syringe – addition of brand switch fee
- Adalimumab (Humira – alternative brand) inj 20 mg per 0.2 ml and 0.4 ml prefilled syringe and inj 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled syringe (Humira) and inj 40 mg per 0.8 ml prefilled pen (HumiraPen) – amended chemical name and Special Authority criteria
- Gemtuzumab ozogamicin (Mylotarg) inj 5 mg vial – amended Special Authority criteria
- Losartan potassium (Losartan Actavis) tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Losartan potassium with hydrochlorothiazide (Arrow-Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide) tab 50 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera) tab 2.5 mg and 5 mg, 56 tab – s29 and wastage claimable removed
- Ondansetron (Ondansetron ODT-DRLA) tab disp 4 mg and 8 mg – remove stat dispensing
- Perindopril (Coversyl) tab 2 mg and 4 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Tocilizumab inj 20 mg per ml, 4 ml vial (Actrema, Actrema S29, RoActemra S29), inj 20 mg per ml, 10 ml vial (Actrema, Actrema S29, RoActemra S29), inj 20 mg per ml, 20 ml vial (Actrema, Actrema S29, RoActemra S29) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria

**Increased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Aciclovir	Tab dispersible 200 mg	Lovir
Azathioprine	Tab 50 mg	Azamun
Lidocaine [lignocaine] hydrochloride	Inj 1%, 5 ml ampoule	Lidocaine-Baxter
Methadone hydrochloride	Inj 10 mg per ml, 1 ml	AFT
Midazolam	Inj 1 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule Inj 5 mg per ml, 3 ml ampoule	Midazolam-Baxter
Paroxetine	Tab 20 mg	Loxamine*
Sodium chloride	Inj 0.9%, bag, 500 ml Inj 0.9%, bag, 1,000 ml	Baxter

\* applies to Pharmacode 2626799 only.

**Decreased subsidy**

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Mitomycin C	Inj 20 mg vial Inj 1 mg for ECP	Teva Baxter