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### March 2023 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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This is an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **March 2023** 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

- Calcium carbonate (Calcium Carbonate PAI) oral liq 1,250 mg per 5 ml (500 mg elemental per 5 ml), 473 ml – subsidy by endorsement (p'code 2652935)
- Clindamycin (Hameln) inj 150 mcg per ml, 4 ml ampoule (p'code 2646595)
- Clozapine (Clozaril) tab 25 mg (p'code 2633353) and 100 mg (p'code 2633361), 50 tab packs, Hospital pharmacy [HP4], Safety medicine, new Pharmacodes
- Ethinylloestradiol with levonorgestrel tab 20 mcg with levonorgestrel 100 mcg and 7 inert tablets (Lo-Oralcon 20 ED) (p'code 2637111) and tab 30 mcg with levonorgestrel 150 mcg and 7 inert tablets (Oralcon 30 ED) (p'code 2637138) – up to 112 tab available on a PSO
- Folic acid (Folic Acid Viatris) tab 5 mg (p'code 2633450)
- Hydrocortisone (Noumed) crm 1%, 500 g – only on a prescription (p'code 2645580)
- Hydrocortisone acetate (Colifoam) rectal foam 10%, CFC-Free (14 applications), 15 g OP (p'code 2611120)
- Influenza vaccine (Afluria Quad (2023 formulation)) inj 60 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe (quadrivalent vaccine) – only on a prescription, No patient co-payment payable and access criteria apply (p'code 2649292)
- Influenza vaccine (Afluria Quad Junior (2023 formulation)) inj 30 mcg in 0.25 ml syringe (paediatric quadrivalent vaccine) – Xpharm, access criteria apply (p'code 2649306)
- Liraglutide (Victoza) inj 6 mg per ml, 3 ml prefilled pen – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, maximum of 9 inj per prescription, not to be given in combination with a funded SGLT-2 inhibitor or other GLP-1 agonist, maximum of 1 pack of 3 prefilled pens will be funded per month (p'code 2653990)
- Metoprolol tartrate (Metoprolol IV Viatris) inj 1 mg per ml, 5 ml vial (p'code 2639777)
- Midodrine (Midodrine Medsurge) tab 2.5 mg (p'code 2632063) and 5 mg (p'code 2632071) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Octreotide (Octreotide GH) inj 100 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – s29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2595885)

- Ondansetron (Periset) tab 4 mg (p'code 2648024) and 8 mg (p'code 2648032)
- Pethidine hydrochloride (Noumed Pethidine) tab 50 mg – only on a controlled drug form, no patient co-payment payable and Safety Medicine (p'code 2645599)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Ticagrelor Sandoz (p'code 2653206), BSF Vebulis (p'code 2653214) and BSF Celapram (p'code 2653222)) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient
- Pravastatin (Pravastatin Viatris) tab 20 mg (p'code 2631784)
- Rotavirus oral vaccine (Rotarix) oral susp live attenuated human rotavirus 1,000,000 CCID50 per dose, squeezable tube – Xpharm and access criteria apply (p'code 2650290)
- Simvastatin (Simvastatin Viatris) tab 40 mg (p'code 2643588)

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

- Citalopram hydrobromide (Celapram) tab 20 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Clindamycin (Hameln and Dalacin C) inj 150 mg per ml, 4 ml ampoule – amended presentation description
- Disulfiram (Antabuse) tab 200 mg – removal of s29 and wastage claimable
- Glycerol (Lax-suppositories Glycerol) suppos 2.8/4.0 g – amended presentation description
- Iloprost (Vebulis) nebuliser soln 10 mcg per ml, 2 ml – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Insulin syringes and needles – amended note
- Meningococcal B multicomponent vaccine (Bexsero) inj 175 mcg per 0.5 ml prefilled syringe – amended restriction criteria
- Propranolol (Drofate) tab 10 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Quinapril tab 5 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 5), tab 10 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 10) and tab 20 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 20) – reinstate stat dispensing
- Sodium alginate (Gaviscon Extra Strength) tab 500 mg with sodium bicarbonate 267 mg and calcium carbonate 160 mg – peppermint flavour – brand name change
- Ticagrelor (Ticagrelor Sandoz) tab 90 mg – addition of Brand Switch Fee
- Zoledronic acid (Zoledronic acid Mylan and Zoledronic acid Viatris) inj 4 mg per 5 ml, vial – Special Authority criteria removed
- Zoledronic acid inj 0.05 mg per ml, 100 ml, bag (Zoledronic Acid Viatris and Zoledronic-US) and inj 0.05 mg per ml, 100 ml, vial (Aclasta) – Special Authority criteria removed

**Increased subsidy**

| <b>Chemical</b>                               | <b>Presentation</b>                                        | <b>Fully subsidised brands</b>         |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Compound electrolytes with glucose [dextrose] | Solution with electrolytes (2 x 500 ml), 1,000 ml OP       | Pedialyte – Bubblegum                  |
| Dipyridamole                                  | Tab long-acting 150 mg                                     | Pytazen SR                             |
| Flecainide acetate                            | Inj 10 mg per ml, 15 ml ampoule                            | Tambocor                               |
| Glyceryl trinitrate                           | Oral pump spray, 400 mcg per dose, 250 dose OP             | Nitrolingual Pump Spray                |
| Mask for spacer device                        | Small                                                      | e-chamber Mask                         |
| Pyridostigmine bromide                        | Tab 60 mg                                                  | Mestinon                               |
| Spacer device                                 | 220 ml (single patient)<br>510 ml (single patient)         | e-chamber Turbo<br>e-chamber La Grande |
| Tetracycline                                  | Tab 250 mg                                                 | Accord                                 |
| Theophylline                                  | Tab long-acting 250 mg<br>Oral liq 80 mg per 15 ml, 500 ml | Nuelin-SR<br>Nuelin                    |

**Decreased subsidy**

| <b>Chemical</b>    | <b>Presentation</b>               | <b>Fully subsidised brands</b>     |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Flecainide acetate | Cap long-acting 100 mg and 200 mg | Flecainide Controlled Release Teva |
| Roxithromycin      | Tab 150 mg and 300 mg             | Arrow-Roxithromycin                |