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April 2023 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Atezolizumab inj 60 mg per ml, 20 ml vial (Tecentriq) (p'code 2524953) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) (p'code 2655233) – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority
- Chloramphenicol (Chlorsig) eye drops 0.5%, 10 ml OP (p'code 335142)
- Darunavir (Darunavir Viatris) tab 400 mg – Special Authority – Retail Pharmacy (p'code 2626462)
- Elexacaftor with tezacaftor, ivacaftor and ivacaftor (Trikafta) tab elexacaftor 50 mg with tezacaftor 25 mg, ivacaftor 37.5 mg and ivacaftor 75 mg (p'code 2649748) and tab elexacaftor 100 mg with tezacaftor 50 mg, ivacaftor 75 mg and ivacaftor 150 mg (p'code 2611694) – PCT only – Special Authority
- Enalapril maleate (Acetec) tab 5 mg (p'code 2636484), 10 mg (p'code 2636492) and 20 mg (p'code 2636506), 90 tab packs
- Glycopyrronium bromide (Robinul) inj 200 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – up to 10 inj available on PSO (p'code 2254484)
- Hydroxocobalamin (Cobal-B12) inj 1 mg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – up to 6 inj available on a PSO, s29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2655241)
- Phenytoin sodium (Dilantin Infatab) tab 50 mg, new Pharmacode (p'code 2619474)
- Water (Multichem) inj 10 ml ampoule – up to 5 inj available on a PSO (p'code 2208326)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Dorzolamide hydrochloride (Trusopt) eye drops 2%, 5 ml OP – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Folic acid (Folic Acid multichem) tab 0.8 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Influenza vaccine (Afluria Quad (2023 formulation)) inj 60 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe (quadrivalent vaccine) – amended restriction criteria and addition of maximum of 1 inj per prescription

- Influenza vaccine (Afluria Quad Junior (2023 formulation)) inj 30 mcg in 0.25 ml syringe (paediatric quadrivalent vaccine) – amended restriction criteria
- Melatonin (Vigisom) tab modified-release 2 mg – addition of age restriction
- Pembrolizumab inj 25 mg per ml, 4 ml vial (Keytruda) and inj 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Pyridoxine hydrochloride (Pyridoxine multichem) tab 50 mg – reinstate stat dispensing
- Timolol (Timoptol XE) eye drops 0.5%, gel forming, 2.5 ml OP – addition of subsidy by endorsement

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Dexamethasone	Oral liq 1 mg per ml, 25 ml OP	Biomed
Folic acid	Oral liq 50 mcg per ml, 25 ml OP	Biomed
Heparin sodium	Inj 5,000 iu per ml, 5 ml ampoule	Pfizer
Levetiracetam	Tab 250 mg, 500 mg, 750 mg and 1,000 mg	Everet
Lidocaine [Lignocaine] hydrochloride	Oral (gel) soln 2%, 200 ml	Mucosoothe
Sodium bicarbonate	Inj 8.4%, 50 ml and 100 ml	Biomed
Sodium cromoglycate	Cap 100 mg	Ralicrom
Spironolactone	Oral liq 5 mg per ml, 25 ml OP	Biomed

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Cetirizine hydrochloride	Tab 10 mg	Zista
Fluconazole	Powder for oral suspension 10 mg per ml, 35 ml	Diflucan
Pembrolizumab	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter