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June 2023 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

- Amino acid formula without phenylalanine (PKU GMP Ultra Lemonade) powder (Lemonade) 33.4 g sachets – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3] (p'code 2657201)
- Aripiprazole (Ascend Aripiprazole) tab 5 mg – Safety medicine; prescriber may determine dispensing frequency, s29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2658259)
- Clobetasone butyrate (Eumovate) crm 0.05%, 30 g OP – new Pharmacode (p'code 2401096)
- Disopyramide phosphate (Rythmodan - Cheplafarm) cap 100 mg – s29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2658062)
- Ethinyloestradiol with norethisterone (Norimin-1 28 Day) tab 35 mcg with norethisterone 1 mg and 7 inert tab, 112 tab pack – up to 84 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2656213)
- Levocarnitine (Novitium Sugar Free) oral liq 1 g per 10 ml, 118 ml – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy, s29 and wastage claimable (p'code 2658216)
- Metformin hydrochloride (Metformin Viatris) tab immediate-release 850 mg (p'code 2628058)
- Pharmacy services (BSF Ziextenzo) brand switch fee – may only be claimed once per patient (p'code 2657066)
- Valganciclovir (Valganciclovir Viatris) tab 450 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2635682)
- Zinc and castor oil (Evara) oint 500 g (p'code 2658399)

Changes to restrictions, chemical names and presentations

- Citalopram hydrobromide (Celapram) tab 20 mg - brand switch fee removed
- Human papillomavirus (6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52 and 58) vaccine [HPV] (Gardasil 9) inj 270 mcg in 0.5 ml syringe – Xpharm removed and amended restriction criteria
- Iloprost (Vebulis) nebuliser soln 10 mcg per ml, 2 ml - brand switch fee removed
- Ivermectin (Stromectol) tab 3 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Lacosamide (Vimpat) tab 50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg and 200 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Melatonin (Vigisom) tab modified-release 2 mg – amended restriction criteria
- Meningococcal (groups A, C, Y and W-135) conjugate vaccine inj 10 mcg of each meningococcal polysaccharide conjugated to a total of approximately 55 mcg of tetanus toxoid carrier per 0.5 ml vial (MenQuadfi) and inj 4 mcg of each meningococcal polysaccharide conjugated to a total of approximately 48 mcg of diphtheria toxoid carrier per 0.5 ml vial (Menactra) – Xpharm removed and amended restriction criteria
- Meningococcal B multicomponent vaccine (Bexsero) inj 175 mcg per 0.5 ml prefilled syringe – Xpharm removed and amended restriction criteria
- Nepafenac (Ilevro) eye drops 0.3%, 3 ml OP – removal of s29 restriction
- Pegfilgrastim (Ziextenzo) inj 6 mg per 0.6 ml syringe – addition of brand switch fee
- Sirolimus (Rapamune) tab 1 mg, 2 mg and oral liq 1 mg per ml – amended Special Authority criteria
- Stiripentol (Diacomit) cap 250 mg and powder for oral liq 250 mg sachet – amended Special Authority criteria
- Ticagrelor (Ticagrelor Sandoz) tab 90 mg – brand switch fee removed
- Triazolam (Hypam) tab 125 mcg and 250 mcg – addition of subsidy by endorsement
- Varicella zoster vaccine [shingles vaccine] (Shingrix) inj 50 mcg per 0.5 ml vial plus vial – Xpharm removed and amended restriction criteria

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Pilocarpine hydrochloride	Eye drops 2 % single dose, 20 dose	Minims Pilocarpine
Prednisolone sodium phosphate	Eye drops 0.5 %, single dose (preservative free), 20 dose	Minims Prednisolone
Sodium fusidate [fusidic acid]	Tab 250 mg	Fucidin
Vitamin B complex	Tab, strong, BPC	Bplex

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Exemestane	Tab 25 mg	Pfizer Exemestane
Measles, mumps and rubella vaccine	Inj, measles virus 1,000 CCID50, mumps virus 5,012 CCID50, Rubella virus 1,000 CCID50; prefilled syringe/ampoule of diluent 0.5 ml	MMR II Priorix