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January 2010 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **January 2010** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Mesalazine (Asamax) tab EC 500 mg (p'code 2288443)
- Pindolol (Apo-Pindolol) tab 5 mg (p'code 748366), 10 mg (p'code 748358) and 15 mg (p'code 748374)
- Silver sulphadiazine (Flamazine) crm 1% - up to 250 g available on a PSO and not in combination (p'code 2343851)
- Solifenacin succinate (Vesicare) tab 5 mg (p'code 2208385) and 10 mg (p'code 2208393) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Flucloxacillin sodium (AFT) cap 250 mg (p'code 2335573) and 500 mg (p'code 2224186)
- Paracetamol with codeine (ParaCode) tab paracetamol 500 mg with codeine phosphate 8 mg (p'code 2344580)

Changes to restrictions

- Somatropin (Genotropin) inj cartridge 16 iu per vial and 36 iu per vial – amended chemical name from growth hormone biosynthetic human
- Somatropin (Norditropin SimpleXx) inj 5 mg, 10 mg and 15 mg – amended chemical name from recombinant human growth hormone
- Cyclosporin (Neoral) cap 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg and oral liq 100 mg per ml – amended chemical name from cyclosporin A
- Oral feed 1.5 kcal/ml (Ensure Plus) liquid (coffee latte) – Special Authority – amended presentation

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Glycerol	Suppos 3.6 g	PSM
Folic acid	Tab 0.8 mg and 5 mg	Apo-Folic Acid
Medroxyprogesterone acetate	Tab 2.5 mg	Provera
Pethidine hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg and 100 mg	PSM
Phenobarbitone	Tab 15 mg and 30 mg	PSM

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Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Metformin hydrochloride	Tab immediate-release 500 mg and 850 mg	Arrow-Metformin Apotex*	
Cholecalciferol	Tab 1.25 mg (50,000 iu)	Cal-d-Forte	
Hydrocortisone butyrate	Lipocream 0.1% 30 g OP and 100 g OP Oint 0.1%, 100 g OP Milky emul 0.1%, 100 ml OP Scalp lotn 0.1%, 100 ml OP	Locoid Lipocream Locoid Locoid Crelo Locoid	
Hydrocortisone with natamycin and neomycin	Crm 1% and oint 1%, 15 g OP	Pimafucort	
Mometasone furoate	Crm 0.1 % and oint 0.1 %; 15 g OP and 45 g OP	Elocon m-Mometasone*	
Cyproterone acetate with ethinyloestradiol	Tab 2 mg with ethinyloestradiol 35 µg and 7 inert tablets	Ginet 84*	Estelle 35-ED
Medroxyprogesterone acetate	Tab 5 mg, 10 mg, 100 mg and 200 mg Inj 150 mg per ml, 1 ml	Provera Depo Provera	
Somatropin	Inj cartridge 16 iu per vial and 36 iu per vial	Genotropin	
Cabergoline	Tab 0.5 mg, 2 and 8 tab pack	Dostinex, Arrow-Cabergoline*	
Amoxicillin clavulanate	Grans for oral liq amoxicillin 125 mg with potassium clavulanate 31.25 mg per 5 ml and grans for oral liq amoxicillin 250 mg with potassium clavulanate 62.5 mg per 5 ml	Curam*	Augmentin
Clindamycin	Inj phosphate 150 mg per ml, 4 ml	Dalacin C	
Isoniazid	Tab 100 mg	PSM	
Etidronate disodium	Tab 200 mg	Etidrate	Didronel
Codeine phosphate	Tab 15 mg, 30 mg and 60 mg	PSM	
Alprazolam	Tab 250 µg, 500 µg and 1 mg	Arrow-Alprazolam	
Dexamphetamine sulphate	Tab 5 mg	PSM	
Oxaliplatin	Inj 1 mg for ECP	Baxter	
Cyclosporin	Cap 25 mg, 50 mg, and 100 mg, and oral liq 100 mg per ml	Neoral	

*Indicates no change in price or subsidy is occurring to that brand from 1 January 2010

Sumatriptan changes for 1 February 2010

The Arrow-Sumatriptan brand of sumatriptan 50 mg and 100 mg tablets will be listed in 100-tablet packs from 1 February 2010. The price and subsidy of Arrow-Sumatriptan 50 mg 2-tablet and 100 mg 4-tablet packs will reduce to match the per tablet price of these strengths in the 100-tablet packs.

The subsidy for all other currently listed brands and pack sizes of sumatriptan tablets will reduce to match the tablet price of Arrow-Sumatriptan tab 50 mg and tab 100 mg in the 100 packs from 1 February 2010.

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