

29 January 2010

## TENDER RESULTS

The PHARMAC Board (or Chief Executive under delegated authority) has resolved to accept tenders for Sole Subsidised Supply and Hospital Supply Status for some of the products listed in the Invitation to Tender dated 23 December 2008.

Some of the pharmaceuticals that will be delisted when the period of sole supply commences may be subject to existing listing contracts with PHARMAC. Suppliers of pharmaceuticals that are subject to such contracts should continue to supply their pharmaceuticals under those contracts until such time as the pharmaceuticals are delisted and PHARMAC will continue to subsidise their pharmaceuticals accordingly.

### Product Notification Forms

Please note that for all changes (price change, pack size change, new listing etc) to be effective in the Pharmaceutical Schedule (including Section H) suppliers are required to notify PHARMAC and the Guild by 4pm **12<sup>th</sup> February 2010**. More information and product notification forms can be downloaded from our website – [www.pharmac.govt.nz/schedule.asp](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/schedule.asp).

### Community pharmaceutical tenders – Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule

1. Tenders awarded to pharmaceuticals where at least one other brand is listed – listing (where applicable) for tender winning brand at the tender subsidy will occur on **1 March 2010**, reference pricing of non-tender winning brand will occur on **1 May 2010** and Sole Subsidised Supply commences on **1 August 2010**.

The decisions were as follows:

Chemical Name	Presentation; Pack size and type	Current Subsidy (Current Price)	New tender subsidy	Sole supply brand (Supplier)	Brands affected by reference pricing and delisting
Chlorehexidine gluconate	Handrub 1% with ethanol 70%; 500 ml, bottle	\$5.40	\$4.60	healthE (Jaychem)	Orion (Orion)
Crotamiton*	Crm 10%; 20 g OP, tube	\$4.26 (\$4.45)	\$3.79	Itch-Soothe (AFT)	Eurax (Novartis Consumer)
Megestrol acetate	Tab 160 mg; 30 tablets, bottle	\$74.25	\$57.92	Apo-Megestrol (Apotex)	Megace (BMS)
Pregnancy tests - hCG urine	Cassette, 40 tests OP, box	\$19.00 (25 tests)	\$22.80	Innovacon hCG One Step Pregnancy Test Device (Inverness Medical)	MDS Quick Card (MDS Diagnostics)

\*This will become fully funded.

### Hospital pharmaceutical tenders – Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule

2. Tenders awarded to listed pharmaceuticals where an alternative brand is already listed – listing (where applicable) for hospital tender winning brands of the pharmaceutical will occur in Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule on **1 March 2010**; DV Limits and DV pharmaceuticals will apply from **1 May 2010**; de-listing of other brands in Section H will occur on **1 May 2010**.

The decisions were as follows:

Chemical Name	Presentation; Pack size and type	Hospital Supply Brand (Supplier)	Pack Price	DV Limit	DV Pharmaceuticals Brand Name (Supplier)
Megestrol acetate	Tab 160 mg; 30 tablets, bottle	Apo-Megestrol (Apotex)	\$57.92	1%	Megace (BMS)

3. Tenders awarded to pharmaceuticals where no brand is listed - listing of the hospital tender winning brand of the pharmaceutical will occur in Section H of the Pharmaceutical Schedule on **1 March 2010** and DV Limits and DV Pharmaceuticals will apply from **1 May 2010**.

The decisions were as follows:

Chemical Name	Presentation; Pack size and type	Hospital Supply Brand (Supplier)	Pack Price	DV Limit	DV Pharmaceuticals Brand Name (Supplier)
Crotamiton	Crn 10%; 20 g, tube	Itch-Soothe (AFT)	\$3.79	1%	Eurax (Novartis Consumer)
Pregnancy tests - hCG urine	Cassette, 40 tests, box	Innovacon hCG One Step Pregnancy Test Device (Inverness Medical)	\$22.80	1%	Cards hCG Urine (NZ Diagnostics Ltd) Cyrstal Clear (Douglas) Clearview Easy hCG (NZ Diagnostics Ltd) Clear Blue (Johnson & Johnson) Discover (Wilson Consumer) Discovery Pregnancy Planning Kit (Wilson Consumer) First Response (Wilson Consumer) Imagine (Point of Care) Femfresh (Wilson Consumer) Instant Pregnancy Tests (NZ Diagnostics) MDS Quick Card (MDS Diagnostics) MDS Quick Stick (MDS Diagnostics) Unimark (Biotech Atlantic)

### Products where no tender is to be awarded for Sole Subsidised Supply or Hospital Supply Status

The PHARMAC Board (or Chief Executive under delegated authority) resolved not to award tenders for Sole Subsidised Supply or Hospital Supply Status for some of the products listed in the Invitation to Tender, dated 23 December 2008.

The decisions were as follows:

Chemical Name	Line Item
Dantrolene Sodium	Cap 25 mg
Dantrolene Sodium	Cap 50 mg

For the remaining products on the Invitation to Tender dated 21 December 2007 and the Invitation to Tender dated 23 December 2008 where no announcement has been made, either a decision is still pending, or is provisional and subject to the product gaining market approval and having sufficient stock.

We will keep you informed regarding any changes for the remaining tender products as further decisions are made. If you have any queries regarding this notification please contact PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50.