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To **All New Zealand Pharmacies, IPA Pharmacy Facilitators
and Wholesalers**

Fax **Autodial**

From **PHARMAC**

Subject **Close Control monthly – prazosin hydrochloride tablets 1 mg and 2 mg**

Date **Monday 15 February 2010** No of pages **2**

Dear Pharmacist / Wholesaler

Due to a short supply of prazosin hydrochloride tablets 1 mg and 2 mg, PHARMAC's Chief Executive has approved the following temporary provision for stat prescriptions.

Prazosin hydrochloride (Apo-Prazo) tablets 1 mg and 2 mg,

- From 15 February 2010 until further notice, a prescription for prazosin hydrochloride (Apo-Prazo) tablets 1 mg and 2 mg will not require endorsement by the prescriber to be dispensed Close Control monthly.
- From 15 February 2010 until further notice, Pharmacists will be reimbursed all dispensing fees for prescriptions for prazosin hydrochloride (Apo-Prazo) tablets 1 mg and 2 mg that are dispensed Close Control monthly.
- Upon notice of the ending of the Close Control period, the remainder of repeats for a prescription for prazosin hydrochloride (Apo-Prazo) tablets 1 mg and 2 mg first dispensed Close Control monthly can either be (at the discretion of the pharmacist and stock availability)
 - completed Close Control monthly, or
 - dispensed stat where appropriate.
- Pharmacists will need to annotate any prescriptions dispensed Close Control for audit purposes.
- Instructions on how to amend pharmacy software systems have been provided.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact PHARMAC on 0800 66 00 50 (9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday).

Yours sincerely



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Toniq users

How to set 'short supply' close control monthly rule:

From the Dispensary program's main menu.

1. Prescriptions

- **F7 Med**

Select pcode	2265397<Enter> APO-PRAZO 1mg	Repeat for: 2265389<Enter> APO-PRAZO 2mg
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Set limited stock close control – parameters.

Set **START** Date :**15/02/10**

Set **Rule** to **monthly**.

Pharmac will notify by fax when stock is no longer short.

WHEN this happens set the end date I to reflect the end of pharmacist endorsed close control on these meds in Toniq.

Limited stock close control

Start date **15/02/10**

End date

Rule **monthly**

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LOTS users

Close Control dispensing of "stat" medicine due to short supply

During this short supply period, if you are dispensing prazosin hydrochloride tab 1 mg and 2 mg as repeats, follow the prompt. i.e. say "Yes" to mark as Close Control. Make sure you also manually annotate the prescription.