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May 2011 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **May 2011** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Compound electrolytes (Electral) powder for soln for oral use 4.4 g – Up to 10 sachets available on a PSO (p'code 2381648)
- Digoxin (Lanoxin) tab 250 µg, 240 tab pack – Up to 30 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2378078)
- Fentanyl citrate (Boucher and Muir) inj 50 µg per ml, 2 ml (p'code 2381176) and 10 ml (p'code 2381168) – Only on a controlled drug form and no patient co-payment payable
- Lacosamide (Vimpat) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy - listing in Section F Part II
 - tab 50 mg, 14 tab pack (p'code 2378353)
 - tab 100 mg, 14 tab pack (p'code 2378388)
 - tab 100 mg, 56 tab pack (p'code 2378396)
 - tab 150 mg, 14 tab pack (p'code 2378418)
 - tab 150 mg, 56 tab pack (p'code 2378426)
 - tab 200 mg, 56 tab pack (p'code 2378442)
- Modafinil (Modavigil) tab 100 mg – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy (p'code 2104024)
- Bortezomib inj 3.5 mg (Velcade) (p'code 2275848) and inj 1 mg for ECP, 3.5 mg OP (Baxter) (p'code 2383659) – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority
- Thalidomide (Thalomid) cap 100 mg– PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority – Only on a controlled drug form (p'code 2381133)
- Paediatric oral feed 1.5kcal/ml (Fortini) – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3]
 - liquid strawberry 200 ml OP (p'code 2224496)
 - liquid vanilla 200 ml OP (p'code 2224488)
- Paediatric oral feed with fibre 1.5kcal/ml (Fortini Multi Fibre) – Special Authority – Hospital pharmacy [HP3]
 - liquid chocolate 200 ml OP (p'code 2224461)
 - liquid strawberry 200 ml OP (p'code 2224453)
 - liquid vanilla 200 ml OP (p'code 2224445)

Changes to restrictions

- Clarithromycin (Klamycin) tab 500 mg – removal of endorsement for dispensing 250 mg tablets
- Influenza vaccine – amended access criteria
- Ondansetron tab 4 mg and 8 mg, and tab disp 4 mg and 8 mg – removal of prescribing and dispensing restrictions and Special Authority
- Thalidomide (Thalomid and Thalidomide Pharmion) cap 50 mg and 100 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Standard supplements (Ensure, Sustagen Hospital Formula, Isosource Standard, Osmolite, Nutrison Standard RTH, Isosource Standard RTH, Osmolite RTH, Jevity, Nutrison Multi Fibre, Jevity RTH, Ensure Plus HN, Ensure Plus RTH, Nutrison Energy Multifibre, Fortisip, Ensure Plus, Fortisip Multi Fibre) liquid and powder - amended Special Authority criteria
- Standard supplements (Ensure Plus) liquid (flavours) 200 ml OP – Higher subsidy by endorsement for bolus tube fed patients

- Amino acid formula (Vivonex Pediatric, Neocate, Neocate LCP, Neocate Advance, Elecare, Elecare LCP) powder (flavours) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Extensively hydrolysed formula (Pepti Junior Gold, Pepti Junior) powder – amended Special Authority criteria

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Abacavir sulphate	Tab 300 mg Oral liq 20 mg per ml	Ziagen Ziagen	
Alendronate sodium	Tab 70 mg	Fosmax	
Alendronate sodium with cholecalciferol	Tab 70 mg with cholecalciferol 5,600 iu	Fosamax Plus	
Ondansetron	Tab disp 4 mg Tab disp 8 mg	Dr Reddy's Ondansetron Dr Reddy's Ondansetron	Zofran Zydis Zofran Zydis

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Colestipol hydrochloride	Sachets 5 g	Colestid

NB. For further details and magnitude of the above subsidy changes, please consult the online version of the Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule at: www.pharmac.govt.nz/healthpros/Schedule.

Diabetes Nurse Prescribers

Below are the names of the 12 named Registered Nurses Practising in Diabetes Health who have now had their registration updated and can officially prescribe a limited list of medicines and medical devices. The nurses are involved in a six month pilot.

Auckland	Patricia Ball	052157
	Mele Kaufusi	114474
	Jennifer Britland	060927
Hawke's Bay	Andrea Rooderkerk	117987
	Heather Charteris	117839
	Tony Loversuch	138813
Mid Central	Mary Meendering	108408
	Alison Fellerhoff	064890
	Pauline Giles	108269
	Kerrie Skeggs	112025
Hutt Valley	Anne-Marie Heffernan	148903
	Hazel Phillips	160328

For further information about this please refer to the following website [<http://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz>].