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October 2011 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

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

New listings

- Losartan (Lostaar) tab 12.5 mg (p'code 2387158), tab 25 mg (p'code 2387166), tab 50 mg (p'code 2387174) and tab 100 mg (p'code 2387182) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Losartan with hydrochlorothiazide (Arrow-Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide) tab 50 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg (p'code 2390620) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Acitretin (Novatretin) cap 10 mg (p'code 2384167), and tab 25 mg (p'code 2384175) – Special Authority – Retail pharmacy
- Levothyroxine (Synthroid) tab 25 µg, 90 tab pack (p'code 2390019) and tab 50 µg, 90 tab pack (p'code 2390000)
- Clarithromycin (Apo-Clarithromycin) tab 250 mg (p'code 2385503) – Maximum of 500 mg per prescription; can be waived by Special Authority
- Ciprofloxacin (Cipflox) tab 250 mg (p'code 2104997) and tab 500 mg (p'code 2105004) – Up to 5 tab available on a PSO
- Ciprofloxacin (Cipflox) tab 750 mg (p'code 2105012) – Retail pharmacy – Specialist
- Fluconazole (Ozole) cap 50 mg (p'code 2388057) – Retail pharmacy - Specialist
- Allopurinol (Apo-Allopurinol) tab 100 mg, 1,000 tab pack (p'code 2383993) and tab 300 mg, 500 tab pack (p'code 2383977)
- Paracetamol (Ethics Paracetamol) oral liq 120 mg per 5 ml (p'code 2371871) – up to 200 ml available on PSO - Not in combination
- Timolol maleate (Arrow-Timolol) eye drops 0.25%, 5 ml OP (p'code 2390663)

Changes to restrictions

- Varenicline tartrate (Champix) tab 0.5 mg and tab 1 mg – amended Special Authority approval period
- Sunitinib (Sutent) cap 12.5 mg, 25 mg and 50 mg – amended Special Authority criteria
- Trastuzumab inj 150 mg and 440 mg vial (Herceptin), and 1 mg for ECP (Baxter) – amended Special Authority criteria
- Special Foods and multivitamin Special Authority forms – addition of dietitian applicant type
- Oral feed (Ensure Plus, Fortisip, Fortisip Multi Fibre and Two Cal HN) – removal of repeat rule
- Clarithromycin (Klacid) tab 500 mg – removal of maximum 14 tab per prescription and amended endorsement (effective 14 September 2011)

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Budesonide	Powder for inhalation 200 µg per dose Powder for inhalation 400 µg per dose	Budenocort Pulmicort* Budenocort Pulmicort*	
Omeprazole	Cap 10 mg Cap 20 mg Cap 40 mg	Dr Reddy's Omeprazole Omezol* Dr Reddy's Omeprazole Omezol* Dr Reddy's Omeprazole Omezol*	

* Note, there is no subsidy change for these brands.

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Betamethasone valerate	Crn 0.1% Oint 0.1%	Beta Cream Beta Ointment
Co-trimoxazole	Tab 80 mg and sulphamethoxazole 400 mg	Trisul
Dothiepin hydrochloride	Cap 25 mg Tab 75 mg	Dopress Dopress
Sodium chloride	Inj 0.9%, 10 ml	Multichem

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.