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March 2012 Pharmaceutical Schedule Dispatch

This document is provided to pharmacists as an early notification of the changes to be announced in the **March 2012** Update to the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Please notify PHARMAC (0800 66 00 50) to change or remove your contact details.

New listings

- Adrenaline (Aspen Adrenaline) inj 1 in 10,000, 10 ml (p'code 2390949)
- Amoxicillin clavulanate (Curam Duo) tab amoxicillin 500 mg with potassium clavulanate 125 mg – up to 30 tab available on a PSO (p'code 2396629)
- Clindamycin (Clindamycin ABM) cap hydrochloride 150 mg – maximum of 4 cap per prescription; can be waived by endorsement – Retail pharmacy – Specialist (p'code 2397501)
- Gemcitabine hydrochloride (Gemcitabine Actavis s29) inj 200 mg (p'code 2398915) and 1 g (p'code 2398907) – PCT only – Specialist – Special Authority
- Octreotide (somatostatin analogue) (Octreotide MaxRx) inj 50 µg per ml, 1 ml (p'code 2396939) 100 µg per ml, 1 ml (p'code 2396947) and 500 µg per ml, 1 ml (p'code 2396955) – Special Authority – Retail Pharmacy
- Pharmacy Services (BSF Lostaar) brand switch fee (p'code 2397145)
- Pharmacy Services (BSF Arrow-Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide) brand switch fee (p'code 2397153)
- Rizatriptan (Rizamelt) tab orodispersible 10 mg (p'code 2394634)
- Tetrabenazine (Motetis) tab 25 mg (p'code 2394383)
- Thiotepe (THIO-TEPA s29) inj 15 mg (p'code 256811) – PCT only – Specialist
- Ursodeoxycholic acid (Ursosan) cap 250 mg (p'code 2397528) – Special Authority – Retail Pharmacy
- Zinc and castor oil (Multichem) oint 500 g (p'code 544345)

Changes to restrictions

- Losartan (Lostaar) tab 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg – brand switch fee
- Losartan with hydrochlorothiazide (Arrow-Losartan & Hydrochlorothiazide) tab 50 mg with hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg – brand switch fee
- Propranolol (Cardinol) tab 10 mg and 40 mg – removal of stat. Stat remains on propranolol (Cardinol LA) tab 160 mg
- Rizatriptan – amended presentation description from rizatriptan benzoate wafer to rizatriptan orodispersible tab
- Zoledronic acid – amended Special Authority criteria
- Ursodeoxycholic acid – amended Special Authority criteria

Decreased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands	Partially subsidised brands
Clarithromycin	Tab 500 mg	Apo-Clarithromycin	Klamycin
Glyceryl trinitrate	Oral pump spray 400 µg per dose	Nitrolingual Pumpspray Glytrin*	
Cefazolin sodium	Inj 500 mg	AFT*	Hospira

	Inj 1 g	AFT*	Hospira
Cefuroxime sodium	Inj 750 mg	m-Cefuroxime*	Zinacef
Tetrabenazine	Tab 25 mg	Xenazine 25 Motetis*	
Temozolomide	Cap 5 mg Cap 20 mg Cap 100 mg Cap 250 mg	Temodal Temaccord* Temodal Temaccord* Temodal Temaccord* Temodal Temaccord*	

* Note - there is no subsidy change for this brand.

Increased subsidy

Chemical	Presentation	Fully subsidised brands
Orphenadrine Hydrochloride	Tab 50 mg	Disipal

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.