
BULLETIN # 47

Manitoba Drug Benefits and Interchangeability Formulary Amendments

**The following amendments will take effect on
May 7, 2005.**



The amended Manitoba Specified Drug Regulation and Drug Interchangeability Formulary Regulation will be available on the Manitoba Health website <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mdbif> on the effective date of May 7, 2005.

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Part 1 Additions

DIN	TRADE NAME	GENERIC	STRENGTH	FORM	MFR*
02256193	Cesamet	nabilone	0.5 mg	Capsules	VAL
02262401 02262428	Gen-Fosinopril	fosinopril sodium	10 mg 20 mg	Tablets	GPM
02231457 02239267	Mavik	trandolapril	0.5 mg 4 mg	Capsules	ABB
02248542 02248543 02248544	Remeron RD	mirtazapine	15 mg 30 mg 45 mg	Orally Disintegrating Tablets	ORG
02233852	Synthroid	levothyroxine	137 mcg	Tablets	ABB
02256738 02256746 02256754 02256762 02256770	Tiazac XC	diltiazem HCl	120 mg 180 mg 240 mg 300 mg 360 mg	Extended Release Tablets	BPC
02248761	Viracept	nelfinavir	625 mg	Tablets	PFI

*Abbreviation of Manufacturers' Names

Part 2 Additions

02248262 02248263	Novo-Levofloxacin	levofloxacin	250 mg 500 mg	Tablets	NOP
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- (a) Step-down care following hospital separation in patients treated with parenteral antibiotics;
- (b) Treatment of gram-negative infections resistant to standard therapy;
- (c) Treatment of infections in persons allergic to alternative agents (eg. penicillins, cephalosporins and sulfonamides);
- (d) Treatment of bacterial prostatitis;
- (e) Treatment of respiratory infections in patients failing or likely to fail or intolerant of penicillins, cephalosporins and/or macrolides;
- (f) Treatment of diabetic foot infections.

02249002	Nutropin AQ	somatropin (rDNA origin)	5 mg/mL	Pen Cartridge	HLR
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- (a) For the long term management of children who have growth failure due to an inadequate secretion of normal endogenous growth hormone;
- (b) For treatment of children who have growth failure associated with chronic renal failure insufficiency up to the time of renal transplant;
- (c) For treatment of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome in patients whose epiphyses are not closed.

Part 2 (cont'd) ...

02247997	Singulair	montelukast sodium	4 mg	Oral Granules	MFX
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- (a) Indicated as adjunctive therapy for asthma in cases where:
 - (i) maximum doses of inhaled corticosteroids have not effectively controlled symptoms, or
 - (ii) evidence of serious adverse effects associated with corticosteroids exists, eg. adrenal suppression, increased lung infections;
- (b) Indicated as first line therapy for exercise induced asthma.

02249294 02249308	Taro-Fluconazole	fluconazole	50 mg 100 mg	Tablets	TAR
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- For the prophylaxis and treatment of:
 - (a) oropharyngeal and esophageal candidiasis in immunocompromised patients; and
 - (b) systemic fungal infections other than oropharyngeal candidiasis.

Addition to Criteria:

02243796 02243797	Pariet	rabeprazole	10 mg 20 mg	Tablets	JAN
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- H. pylori in conjunction with appropriate antibiotic therapy.
- Treatment of symptoms in symptomatic gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD); also called non-erosive reflux disease (NERD).

Part 2 Deletions

02242518 02239146 02246896	Actonel <i>(Moved to Part 3)</i>	risedronate sodium	5 mg 30 mg 35 mg	Tablets	PGP
02248728	Apo-Alendronate <i>(Moved to Part 3)</i>	alendronate sodium	10 mg	Tablets	APX
02248686	Co Etidronate <i>(Moved to Part 3)</i>	etidronate disodium	200 mg	Tablets	COB
01997629	Didronel <i>(Moved to Part 3)</i>	etidronate disodium	200 mg	Tablets	PGP
02201011 02201038 02245329	Fosamax <i>(Moved to Part 3)</i>	alendronate sodium	10 mg 40 mg 70 mg	Tablets	MFX
02245330	Gen-Etidronate <i>(Moved to Part 3)</i>	etidronate disodium	200 mg	Tablets	GPM
02247373	Novo-Alendronate <i>(Moved to Part 3)</i>	alendronate sodium	10 mg	Tablets	NOP
02237824 02237825	Wellbutrin SR <i>(Moved to Part 3)</i>	bupropion HCl	100 mg 150 mg	Extended Release Tablets	BPC

Part 3 Additions

The following products will be considered for Pharmacare reimbursement upon an individual prescriber/patient request basis.

02242518	Actonel <small>(Moved from Part 2)</small>	risedronate sodium	5 mg 35 mg	Tablets	PGP
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- For the treatment of patients with:
 - (a) osteoporotic fractures;
 - (b) osteoporosis diagnosed with bone mineral density measurements by any approved technology (eg. a T-score of <-2.5); **or**
 - (c) x-ray diagnosis of osteoporosis.

NOTE: Concurrent calcium and vitamin D supplementation is recommended.

02239146	Actonel <small>(Moved from Part 2)</small>	risedronate sodium	30 mg	Tablets	PGP
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- For the treatment of Paget's Disease.

02248728	Apo-Alendronate <small>(Moved from Part 2)</small>	alendronate sodium	10 mg	Tablets	APX
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- For the treatment of patients with:
 - (a) osteoporotic fractures;
 - (b) osteoporosis diagnosed with bone mineral density measurements by any approved technology (eg. a T-score of <-2.5); **or**
 - (c) x-ray diagnosis of osteoporosis.

NOTE: Concurrent calcium and vitamin D supplementation is recommended.

02259893	Apo-Tizanidine	tizanidine HCl	4 mg	Tablets	APX
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- Second line therapy for multiple sclerosis or spinal cord injury. Used as an adjunct or replacement where baclofen has failed or side effects are intolerable (eg. hypotension or muscle weakness).

02248686	Co Etidronate <small>(Moved from Part 2)</small>	etidronate disodium	200 mg	Tablets	COB
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- (a) For the treatment of Paget's Disease;
- (b) For maintenance therapy in hypercalcemia of malignancy.

01997629	Didronel <small>(Moved from Part 2)</small>	etidronate disodium	200 mg	Tablets	PGP
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- (a) For the treatment of Paget's Disease;
- (b) For maintenance therapy in hypercalcemia of malignancy.

Part 3 (cont'd) ...

02201011 02245329	Fosamax <i>(Moved from Part 2)</i>	alendronate sodium	10 mg 70 mg	Tablets	MFX
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- For the treatment of patients with:
 - (a) osteoporotic fractures;
 - (b) osteoporosis diagnosed with bone mineral density measurements by any approved technology (eg. a T-score of <-2.5); **or**
 - (c) x-ray diagnosis of osteoporosis.

NOTE: Concurrent calcium and vitamin D supplementation is recommended.

02201038	Fosamax <i>(Moved from Part 2)</i>	alendronate sodium	40 mg	Tablets	MFX
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- For the treatment of Paget's Disease.

02245330	Gen-Etidronate <i>(Moved from Part 2)</i>	etidronate disodium	200 mg	Tablets	GPM
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- (a) For the treatment of Paget's Disease;
- (b) For maintenance therapy in hypercalcemia of malignancy.

02247373	Novo-Alendronate <i>(Moved from Part 2)</i>	alendronate sodium	10 mg	Tablets	NOP
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- For the treatment of patients with:
 - (a) osteoporotic fractures;
 - (b) osteoporosis diagnosed with bone mineral density measurements by any approved technology (eg. a T-score of <-2.5); **or**
 - (c) x-ray diagnosis of osteoporosis.

NOTE: Concurrent calcium and vitamin D supplementation is recommended.

02261251 02261278	Novo-Leflunomide	leflunomide	10 mg 20 mg	Tablets	NOP
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- For the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis failing at least two (2) disease modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) (eg. gold, methotrexate [MTX], Plaquenil, sulfasalazine, minocycline and doxycycline).

02253410 02253429	Pegasys RBV	peginterferon alfa-2a + ribavirin	180 mcg/mL + 200 mg 180 mcg/0.5 mL + 200 mg	Injection + Tablet	HLR
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- For the treatment of adult patients with documented diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C.
Details on criteria can be obtained from the EDS office at Manitoba Health.

02237824 02237825	Wellbutrin SR <i>(Moved from Part 2)</i>	bupropion HCl	100 mg 150 mg	Extended Release Tablets	BPC
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- For the treatment of depression.

New Interchangeable Categories

The following new interchangeable categories and products were added:

Generic Name - Strength - Form			
DIN	Trade Name	Manufacturer	Price in Dollars

Levofloxacin - 250 mg - Tablets			
02236841	Levaquin	JAN	4.8939
02248262	Novo-Levofloxacin	NOP	3.4188

Levofloxacin - 500 mg - Tablets			
02236842	Levaquin	JAN	5.7866
02248263	Novo-Levofloxacin	NOP	3.8577

Tizanidine HCl - 4 mg - Tablets			
02239170	Zanaflex	SHI	0.7864
02259893	Apo-Tizanidine	APX	0.5617

New Interchangeable Products

The following products have been added to existing interchangeable drug categories:

Fluconazole - 50 mg - Tablets			
02249294	Taro-Fluconazole	TAR	3.4393

Fluconazole - 100 mg - Tablets			
02249308	Taro-Fluconazole	TAR	6.1012

Fosinopril Sodium - 10 mg - Tablets			
02262401	Gen-Fosinopril	GPM	0.5475

Fosinopril Sodium - 20 mg - Tablets			
02262428	Gen-Fosinopril	GPM	0.6584

New IC Products (cont'd) ...

Leflunomide - 10 mg - Tablets				\$
	02261251	Novo-Leflunomide	NOP	**6.6459

Leflunomide - 20 mg - Tablets				\$
	02261278	Novo-Leflunomide	NOP	**6.6459

**** The price change has resulted in a change to the lowest price in the category.**

Product Deletions

The following products have been deleted (notification was provided in Bulletin 46).

02097583	Allernix	diphenhydramine HCl	25 mg	Tablets
02097575	Allernix Extra Strength	diphenhydramine HCl	50 mg	Tablets (\$0.1654)
00804193	Allernix	diphenhydramine HCl	12.5 mg/5 mL	Elixir
02229709	Alti-Acyclovir	acyclovir	800 mg	Tablets
02167824	Alti-Bromazepam	bromazepam	6 mg	Tablets
02174618	Alti-Cyclobenzaprine	cyclobenzaprine	10 mg	Tablets
00888524 00888532	Alti-Diltiazem	diltiazem HCl	30 mg 60 mg	Tablets
02140071 02140098 02140101 02140128	Alti-Doxepin	doxepin HCl	10 mg 25 mg 50 mg 75 mg	Capsules (10 mg - \$0.1480)
02139987 02139995	Alti-Prazosin	prazosin HCl	2 mg 5 mg	Tablets
02048760	Asmavent	salbutamol sulfate	5 mg/mL	Respirator Solution
00576158	Atrovent (CFC)	ipratropium bromide	20 mcg	Metered Dose Inhaler
00716618	Betaderm	betamethasone-17-valerate	0.05%	Cream
00716642	Betaderm	betamethasone-17-valerate	0.05%	Ointment
00716650	Betaderm	betamethasone-17-valerate	0.1%	Ointment
00580988	Chlorpromanyl	chlorpromazine	22.2 mg/mL	Syrup
00716685	Cortoderm	hydrocortisone	0.5%	Topical Ointment
00716693	Cortoderm	hydrocortisone	0.1%	Topical Ointment
02238042	Deproic	valproic acid	250 mg/5 mL	Syrup
02237786 02237787	Diclotec	diclofenac sodium	50 mg 100 mg	Suppositories

Product Deletions (cont'd) ...

02236808 02236809	Diovan	valsartan	80 mg 160 mg	Capsules
00779105	Docusate Sodium	docusate sodium	4 mg/mL	Syrup
00870218	Docusate Sodium	docusate sodium	10 mg/mL	Oral Drops
02103680 02103702	Effexor	venlafaxine HCl	37.5 mg 75 mg	Tablets
00716790	Fluoderm	fluocinolone acetonide	0.025%	Cream
00716812	Fluoderm	fluocinolone acetonide	0.025%	Ointment
00716782	Fluoderm	fluocinolone acetonide	0.01%	Cream
00851922	Gemfibrozil	gemfibrozil	300 mg	Capsules
00851930	Gemfibrozil	gemfibrozil	600 mg	Tablets
01997637	Macrodantin	nitrofurantoin	50 mg	Capsules
02230473	Motilidone	domperidone maleate	10 mg	Tablets
00282219	Nadostine	nystatin	100,000 IU/mL	Oral Suspension
00653268	Neotopic	polymyxin b sulfate/ neomycin sulfate/ zinc bacitracin	5,000 U/ 3.5 mg/ 400 U per g	Ointment
00232157	Novo-Chlorpromazine	chlorpromazine HCl	10 mg	Tablets
02130165	Novo-Clopamine	clomipramine HCl	25 mg	Tablets
02223341 02223325 02223368	Novo-Desipramine	desipramine HCl	10 mg 25 mg 75 mg	Tablets
02229406 02229407 02229408	Novo-Diltiazem SR	diltiazem HCl	60 mg 90 mg 120 mg	Sustained Release Capsules
00784419 00784427 00784435	Novo-Dipiradol	dipyridamole	25 mg 50 mg 75 mg	Tablets (\$0.1570) (\$0.2265) (\$0.3295)
02158604	Novo-Maprotiline	maprotiline HCl	10 mg	Tablets
01964909 01964925 01964933	Novo-Meprazine	methotriprazaine	5 mg 25 mg 50 mg	Tablets
00620955 00620963	Novo-Salmol	salbutamol	2 mg 4 mg	Tablets (\$0.0715) (\$0.1180)
02231314	Novo-Tenoxicam	tenoxicam	20 mg	Tablets
01940457	Novo-Tripramine	trimipramine	100 mg	Tablets
00812358	Novo-Veramil	verapamil HCl	120 mg	Tablets
00716871	Nyaderm	nystatin	100,000 U/g	Topical Cream
00716898	Nyaderm	nystatin	100,000 U/g	Topical Ointment
00779121	Nyaderm	nystatin	100,000 U/mL	Oral Liquid
02165481	Orafen	ketoprofen	100 mg	Suppositories
00546240 00568449 00584282 00618616	Peptol	cimetidine	300 mg 400 mg 600 mg 800 mg	Tablets

Product Deletions (cont'd) ...

02229393	Pilocarpine Hydrochloride	pilocarpine hydrochloride	1% 2% 4%	Ophthalmic Solution
01948806	ratio-Desipramine	desipramine HCl	75 mg	Tablets
02244309	Renagel	sevelamer HCl	400 mg	Tablets
00006173	Rubion	cyanocobalamin	1 mg/mL	Injection
02112752	Salofalk	5-acetylsalicylic acid	250 mg	Suppositories
02240601	Serc	betahistine dihydrochloride	8 mg	Tablets
02238417 02238415	Sotamol	sotalol HCl	80 mg 160 mg	Tablets
00518174	Stieva-A	tretinoin	0.05%	Solution
01926357	Surmontil	trimipramine	12.5 mg	Tablets
00675369	Synflex	naproxen sodium	275 mg	Tablets
01900897	Synflex DS	naproxen sodium	550 mg	Tablets
01925350	Taro-Sone	betamethasone dipropionate	0.05%	Topical Cream
01944444	Taro-Sone	betamethasone dipropionate	0.05%	Topical Lotion
02174391	Thiotepa	thiotepa	15 mg	Injection
00237035	Thio Tepa	thiotepa	15 mg	Injection
00716952	Triaderm	triamcinolone acetonide	0.025%	Cream
00716960	Triaderm	triamcinolone acetonide	0.1%	Cream
00716987	Triaderm	triamcinolone acetonide	0.1%	Ointment
02142031	Ultradol	etodolac	300 mg	Capsules
00717029	Viaderm KC	neomycin/gramicidin/nystatin/triamcinolone	2.5 mg/0.25 mg/ 100,000 U/1 mg per g	Topical Ointment

() Denotes the price of the lowest generic product in the product category.

The following product has been deleted from the Formulary as per the Manufacturer's request:

02254743	Rhoxal-paroxetine	paroxetine	10 mg	Tablets
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Category Deletions

- Betamethasone-17-Valerate - 0.05% - Cream
- Betamethasone-17-Valerate - 0.05% - Ointment
- Betamethasone-17-Valerate - 0.1% - Ointment
- Diphenhydramine HCl - 25 mg - Capsules
- Diphenhydramine HCl - 12.5 mg/5 mL - Elixir
- Docusate Sodium - 10 mg/mL - Drops
- Etodolac - 300 mg - Capsules
- Fluocinolone Acetonide - 0.025% - Topical Ointment
- Hydrocortisone - 0.5% - Topical Ointment
- Neomycin/Gramicidin/Nystatin/Triamcinolone - 2.5 mg/0.25 mg/100,000 U/mg per g - Topical Ointment
- Nitrofurantoin Macrocrystals - 50 mg - Capsules
- Polymyxin B Sulfate/Neomycin Sulfate/Zinc Bacitracin - 5,000 U/5 mg/400 U per g - Topical Ointment

Interchangeable Product Price Changes

The following changes in prices have occurred:

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02059762	Aredia	pamidronate	30 mg	Injection	17.8450
02059789	Aredia	pamidronate	90 mg	Injection	53.5348
02041413	Ativan	lorazepam	0.5 mg	Tablets	0.0395
00603821	Buspar	buspirone	10 mg	Tablets	1.0930
01926691	Calcimar	calcitonin	200 IU/mL	Injection	24.0625
00259527	Catapres	clonidine HCl	0.1 mg	Tablets	0.2038
00291889	Catapres	clonidine HCl	0.2 mg	Tablets	0.3637
01987003	Cyanocobalamin	cyanocobalamin	1 mg/mL	Injection	0.4950
00344877	Cytoxan	cyclophosphamide	25 mg	Tablets	0.3977
00344885	Cytoxan	cyclophosphamide	50 mg	Tablets	0.5355
01908871	Desquam-X	benzoyl peroxide in water	10%	Gel	**0.1111
00519251	Dixarit	clonidine HCl	0.025 mg	Tablets	0.2905
02146894	Gen-Atenolol	atenolol	50 mg	Tablets	**0.3864
02247243	Gen-Clozapine	clozapine	25 mg	Tablets	**0.7253
02247244	Gen-Clozapine	clozapine	100 mg	Tablets	**2.9091
02245330	Gen-Etidronate	etidronate disodium	200 mg	Tablets	**0.9082
02243129	Gen-Lovastatin	lovastatin	40 mg	Tablets	2.2129
02216167	Imovane	zopiclone	5 mg	Tablets	0.3760
01926799	Imovane	zopiclone	7.5 mg	Tablets	0.8702
01999826	Kenacomb	neomycin/gramicidin/nystatin/triamcinolone	2.5 mg/0.25 mg/100,000 U/1 mg per g	Topical Ointment	0.8811
01999818	Kenalog	triamcinolone acetonide	0.1%	Topical Cream	0.3733
02031116	Lamisil	terbinafine	250 mg	Tablets	4.0425
00455881	Lioresal	baclofen	10 mg	Tablets	0.5498
00636576	Lioresal D.S.	baclofen	20 mg	Tablets	1.0701
00397423	Lopresor	metoprolol tartrate	50 mg	Tablets	0.2331
00397431	Lopresor	metoprolol tartrate	100 mg	Tablets	0.4782
00731323	Megace	megestrol	160 mg	Tablets	6.0702

IC Price Changes (cont'd) ...

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02240775	Miacalcin	calcitonin (salmon synthetic)	200 IU	Nasal Spray	1.9828
02242785	Mobicox	meloxicam	7.5 mg	Tablets	0.8812
02242786	Mobicox	meloxicam	15 mg	Tablets	1.0167
01927620	Myochrysine	sodium aurothiomalate	10 mg/mL	Injection	10.4097
01927612	Myochrysine	sodium aurothiomalate	25 mg/mL	Injection	12.6317
01927604	Myochrysine	sodium aurothiomalate	50 mg/mL	Injection	19.6203
00029092	Mycostatin	nystatin	100,000 U/g	Topical Cream	0.3164
00295973	Mycostatin	nystatin	25,000 U/g	Vaginal Cream	0.0993
00272442	Novo-Dipam	diazepam	5 mg	Tablets	**0.0715
02248556	Novo-Paroxetine	paroxetine	10 mg	Tablets	**1.1473 (1.1440)
02248557	Novo-Paroxetine	paroxetine	20 mg	Tablets	**1.1019
02248558	Novo-Paroxetine	paroxetine	30 mg	Tablets	**1.1712
02042991	Os-Cal	calcium carbonate	500 mg (Elemental Calcium)	Tablets	0.1348
00371033	Parlodel	bromocriptine mesylate	2.5 mg	Tablets	1.0788
00568643	Parlodel	bromocriptine mesylate	5 mg	Capsules	1.9213
02230619	Pediapred	prednisolone sodium phosphate	5 mg/5 mL	Oral Solution	0.1107
01916475	Percocet	oxycodone HCl/ acetaminophen	5 mg/325 mg	Tablets	0.7679
01916572	Percodan	oxycodone HCl/ ASA	5 mg/325 mg	Tablets	0.9253
00067393	Persantine	dipyridamole	50 mg	Tablets	0.4267
00452092	Persantine	dipyridamole	75 mg	Tablets	0.5746
02221985	Renedil	felodipine	2.5 mg	Extended Release Tablets	0.5577
02221993	Renedil	felodipine	5 mg	Extended Release Tablets	0.7454
02222000	Renedil	felodipine	10 mg	Extended Release Tablets	1.1176
02091887	Rifadin	rifampin	150 mg	Capsules	0.6974
02092808	Rifadin	rifampin	300 mg	Capsules	1.0976
00005606	Ritalin	methylphenidate	10 mg	Tablets	0.3054
00005614	Ritalin	methylphenidate	20 mg	Tablets	0.5336
02247692	Sab-Anuzinc HC Plus	pramoxine HCl/hydrocortisone acetate/zinc sulfate	10 mg/5 mg/5 mg per g	Ointment	0.9570
00739839	Sab-Dexamethasone	dexamethasone	0.1%	Ophthalmic/Otic Solution	**0.9218
01916203	Sab-Prednisolone	prednisolone acetate	1%	Ophthalmic Suspension	**1.2540
00893722	Serophene	clomiphene citrate	50 mg	Tablets	**5.2261
00870935	Sinemet CR	levodopa/carbidopa	200 mg/50 mg	Controlled Release Tablets	1.2956
02224623	Sofracort	framycetin sulfate/ gramicidin/ dexamethasone	5 mg/0.05 mg/ 0.5 mg per mL	Otic/Ophthalmic Solution	1.6170
02221950	Surgam	tiaprofenic acid	300 mg	Tablets	0.7525
00010405	Tegretol	carbamazepine	200 mg	Tablets	0.3303

IC Price Changes (cont'd) ...

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00369810	Tegretol Chewtabs	carbamazepine	100 mg	Chewable Tablets	0.1386
00665088	Tegretol Chewtabs	carbamazepine	200 mg	Chewable Tablets	0.2734
00773611	Tegretol CR	carbamazepine	200 mg	Sustained Release Tablets	0.3395
00755583	Tegretol CR	carbamazepine	400 mg	Sustained Release Tablets	0.6789
00010472	Tofranil	imipramine HCl	25 mg	Tablets	0.2595
00010480	Tofranil	imipramine HCl	50 mg	Tablets	0.4824
02221977	Trental	pentoxifylline	400 mg	Sustained Release Tablets	0.7055
00417270	Visken	pindolol	5 mg	Tablets	0.4690
00443174	Visken	pindolol	10 mg	Tablets	0.8010
00417289	Visken	pindolol	15 mg	Tablets	1.1619

** The price change has resulted in a change to the lowest price in the category.

() Denotes the price of the lowest generic product in the product category.

Discontinued Products

The following products will be deleted with the next Formulary amendments.

02041480 02041499	Atromid-S	clofibrate	500 mg 1 g	Capsules
00745618	Coptin	sulfadiazine/trimethoprim	41 mg/9 mg per mL	Oral Suspension
00656933	Coptin	sulfadiazine/trimethoprim	410 mg/90 mg	Tablets
00604402	Glyennid	sennosides	8.6 mg	Tablets
01916289	Hydromorphone	hydromorphone HCl	2 mg	Tablets
01916270	Hydromorphone	hydromorphone HCl	4 mg	Tablets
00555649	Intal	sodium cromoglycate	1 mg/dose	Inhalation Aerosol
01927612	Myochrysine	sodium aurothiomalate	25 mg	Injection
00022608	Ortho-Novum 1/50	mestranol/norethindrone	50 mcg/1mg	Tablets
02243159 02243160 02243161	Palladone XL	hydromorphone HCl	12 mg 16 mg 24 mg	Controlled Delivery Capsules
01926675	Piportil L4	piptiazine palmitate	50 mg/mL	Injection
02240601	Serc	betahistine HCl	8 mg	Tablets
01926630	Surmontil	trimipramine	50 mg	Tablets

Manufacturer Updates

Notice of product name change for GlaxoSmithKline (GSK):

02239738	Imitrex DF (Previously: Imitrex)	sumatriptan succinate	25 mg 50 mg 100 mg	Tablets
02212153				
02212161				

The following products have been transferred to TaroPharma (TPT):

00716863	Lyderm	fluocinonide	0.05%	Topical Cream
02236996	Lyderm	fluocinonide	0.05%	Ointment
02236997	Lyderm	fluocinonide	0.05%	Gel

Notice of Company Name Change:

Pangeo Pharma (Canada) Inc. (which amalgamated to include: Wampole Brands; Canpharm Manufacturing Inc.; Pangeo Health Sciences; Pro-Pharmalab and Lioh Inc.) has changed its name to **PendoPharm Inc. (PPI)**.

***** REMINDER NOTICE *******RE: Apo-Omeprazole 20 mg Capsules**

Effective June 15, 2004, Apo-Omeprazole 20 mg capsules were listed as interchangeable with Losec 20 mg tablets and are an eligible benefit under the Pharmacare Drug Benefit Program.

It is important to note that the Product Monograph approved by Health Canada for Apo-Omeprazole lists the following indications for its use:

For the treatment of:

- (a) *Duodenal or gastric ulcers in patients not responding to or experiencing unusual or severe adverse reactions to a reasonable trial with H₂ blockers, sucralfate or misoprostol;*
- (b) *Severe erosive reflux esophagitis or Zollinger-Ellison Disease.*

Apo-Omeprazole is NOT indicated for the treatment of:

H. pylori in conjunction with appropriate antibiotic therapy.

For the treatment of H. pylori:

Losec 1-2-3 A and Losec 1-2-3 M will continue to be a Part 2 benefit for Pharmacare, Family Service, Personal Care Home and Palliative Care Drug Access clients at this time. Physicians must call the Exception Drug Status (EDS) office at 1-204-788-6388 or 1-800-557-4303 to receive approval for cost difference consideration/reimbursement for the indication of H. pylori ONLY.

If prescribing Losec 1-2-3 A or Losec 1-2-3 M for the indication of H. pylori:

- **Pharmacare clients** will be required to pay the difference in price between the brand name product and the generic product. To receive cost difference consideration/reimbursement for Losec 20 mg tablets, Pharmacare clients must send their receipts to Pharmacare, 300 Carlton St. Winnipeg, MB R3B 3M9. Pharmacies may also apply for the cost difference for the Pharmacare client (if the client qualifies) by using the DPIN reversal/adjustment form.
- **Family Service, Personal Care Home or Palliative Care Drug Access clients** should not be charged the cost difference. The pharmacy will be required to send in a completed DPIN reversal/adjustment form to Provincial Drug Programs to receive reimbursement for the cost difference.

NOTE: EDS must be in place prior to dispensing to receive approval for cost difference consideration/reimbursement for the indication of H. pylori ONLY.