
BULLETIN # 48

Manitoba Drug Benefits and Interchangeability Formulary Amendments

The following amendments will take effect on
September 15, 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 **September 15, 2005.**

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Part 1 Additions

DIN	TRADE NAME	GENERIC	STRENGTH	FORM	MFR*
02260077	Apo-Brimonidine	brimonidine tartrate	0.2%	Ophthalmic Solution	APX
02261081	Apo-Dexamethasone	dexamethasone	0.5 mg	Tablets	APX
02266008 02266016	Apo-Fosinopril	fosinopril sodium	10 mg 20 mg	Tablets	APX
02266695	Apo-Lithium Carbonate SR	lithium carbonate	300 mg	Tablets	APX
00716618	Betaderm	betamethasone-17-valerate	0.05%	Cream	TAR
00716642	Betaderm	betamethasone-17-valerate	0.05%	Ointment	TAR
00716650	Betaderm	betamethasone-17-valerate	0.1%	Ointment	TAR
02245828	Clasteon	clodronate disodium	400 mg	Capsules	ORX
02256142 02256150 02256169	Co Gabapentin	gabapentin	100 mg 300 mg 400 mg	Capsules	COB
02262746 02262754 02262762	Co Paroxetine	paroxetine HCl	10 mg 20 mg 30 mg	Tablets	COB
02254727	Co Terbinafine	terbinafine HCl	250 mg	Tablets	COB
02246066	Gen-Combo Sterinebs	ipratropium bromide/ salbutamol	0.2/1.0 mg /mL	Inhalation Solution	GPM
02265133 02265141 02265168	Gen-Divalproex	divalproex sodium	125 mg 250 mg 500 mg	Enteric Coated Tablets	GPM
02265494 02265508 02265516	Gen-Lamotrigine	lamotrigine	25 mg 100 mg 150 mg	Tablets	GPM
02182750	Methotrexate	methotrexate	10 mg	Tablets	MPC
02267470 02267489	Novo-Bisoprolol	bisoprolol	5 mg 10 mg	Tablets	NOP
02266350 02266369 02266377	Novo-Cilazapril	cilazapril monohydrate	1 mg 2.5 mg 5 mg	Tablets	NOP
02261898	Novo-Metoprol	metoprolol tartrate	25 mg	Tablets	NOP
02265273 02265281 02265303 02265311 02265338 02265346	Novo-Warfarin	warfarin sodium	1 mg 2 mg 2.5 mg 3 mg 4 mg 5 mg	Tablets	NOP
02255944 02255952	pms-Fosinopril	fosinopril sodium	10 mg 20 mg	Tablets	PMS

02260883 02260891 02260905	ratio-Gabapentin	gabapentin	100 mg 300 mg 400 mg	Capsules	RPH
02267292	Rhoxal-mirtazapine FC	mirtazapine	30 mg	Tablets	RXP
02264749	Taro-Mometasone	mometasone furoate	0.1%	Ointment	TAR
02250896	Taro-Phenytoin	phenytoin	25 mg/mL	Suspension	TAR
01925350	Taro-Sone	betamethasone dipropionate	0.1%	Ointment	TAR
02253631	Teveten Plus	eprosartan mesylate/ hydrochlorothiazide	600 mg/12.5 mg	Tablets	SPH
00716960	Triaderm	triamcinolone acetonide	0.1%	Topical Cream	TAR
02258560 02258587	Tri-Cyclen Lo (21 Day) Tri-Cyclen Lo (28 Day)	norgestimate/ ethinyl estradiol	0.180 mg/0.025 mg 0.215 mg/0.025 mg 0.250 mg/0.025 mg	Tablets	JAN

*Abbreviation of Manufacturers' Names

Part 1 Deletions

02248182 02248183 02248184	Co Pravastatin	pravastatin sodium	10 mg 20 mg 40 mg	Tablet	COB
01916483	Endodan	oxycodone HCL/ASA	5 mg/325 mg	Tablet	END

Part 2 Additions and Amendments

02247813	Avodart	dutasteride	0.5 mg	Capsules	GSK
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- For the treatment of symptomatic benign prostatic hyperplasia.

02253933	pms-Ciprofloxacin	ciprofloxacin hydrochloride	0.3%	Ophthalmic Solution	PMS
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- For the treatment of ophthalmic infections caused by gram-negative organisms or those not responding to alternative agents.

02246967 02246968 02246969	Rhoxal-estradiol derm	estradiol-17B	50 mcg 75 mcg 100 mcg	Transdermal Patch	RXP
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-For patients:

- (a) Who are smokers (current);
- (b) With increased triglycerides;

- (b) With a history of cholelithiasis;
- (d) Who can not tolerate oral estrogens due to intolerable side effects (e.g. GI upsets, irregular irregular bleeding, etc.) or who can not take any medications by mouth. Patients should have tried at least 2 different oral estrogen products (e.g. Premarin, Estrace, Ogen).

02248993	Zomig	zolmitriptan	5 mg/Spray	Nasal Spray	PGP
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- For treatment of ACUTE migraine attacks in patients where standard therapy has failed - to a maximum of 144 sprays per benefit year.

Part 3

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

02248730	Apo-Alendronate	alendronate sodium	70 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);
- (c) x-ray diagnosis of osteoporosis; **or**

NOTE: Concurrent calcium and vitamin D supplementation is recommended.

02258102	Co Alendronate	alendronate	40 mg	Tablets	COB
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- For the treatment of Paget's disease only.

02258110	Co Alendronate	alendronate	70 mg	Tabelets	COB
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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);
- (c) x-ray diagnosis of osteoporosis; **or**

NOTE: Concurrent calcium and vitamin D supplementation is recommended.

02265206	Enoxaparin	enoxaparin sodium	30 mg/0.3 mL	Pre-filled Syringe	NOP
02265214			40 mg/0.4 mL		
02265222			60 mg/0.6 mL		
02265230			80 mg/0.8 mL		
02265249			100 mg/mL		

-Criteria may be obtained from the EDS office at Manitoba Health.

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02243400	Eporex	epoetin alfa	5000 IU/0.5 mL	Pre-filled Syringes	JAN
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- For the treatment of:

- (a) hematology/oncology indications (including anemia in cancer patients);
- (b) peri-operative use in patients with anemia undergoing elective surgery.

02247749	Fluconazole Omega	fluconazole	2 mg/mL	Injection	OMA
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-Criteria may be obtained from the EDS office at Manitoba Health.

02253054	Gen-anagrelide	anagrelide HCl	0.5 mg	Capsules	GPM
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- For the treatment of:

- (a) Polycythemia (an excess of red blood cells);
- (b) Thrombocythemia (increased platelet count) for patients failing or with contraindications to hydroxyurea.

02253283	Gleevec	imatinib mesylate	400 mg	Tablets	NVT
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-For the treatment of CML (chronic myeloid leukemia) in blast crisis, in accelerated phase or in chronic phase after failure on interferon alfa therapy.

02261715	Novo-Alendronate	alendronate	70 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);
- (c) x-ray diagnosis of osteoporosis;

NOTE: Concurrent calcium and vitamin D supplementation is recommended.

02260239	Novo-Bupropion SR	bupropion HCl	150 mg	Sustained Release Tablets	NOP
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- For the treatment of depression.

02247073 02247074	Rhoxal-cyclosporine	cyclosporine	25 mg 50 mg	Capsule	RXP
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- For all indications covered by the Pharmacare program which include psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis and nephrotic syndrome. Please note that Pharmacare does not cover cyclosporine for the prevention of graft rejection following transplantation.

02264951 02264978 02264986	Rhoxal-pamidronate	pamidronate disodium	3 mg/mL 6 mg/mL 9 mg/mL	Injection	RXP
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- For the treatment of:

- (a) patients unable to absorb oral medications due to Crohn's Disease or other absorption problems.
- (b) Ankylosing Spondylitis resistant to conventional treatment with acetaminophen and NSAID's.

02262983	Supeudol 20	oxycodone HCl	20 mg	Tablets	SIL
-For patients who have tried combination products and have maximized the acetaminophen dose or have contraindications to acetaminophen.					

Special Consideration Process:

- See Bulletin 39 for explanation of Special Consideration Process

02258595	Humira	adalimumab	40 mg/0.8 mL	Pre-filled Syringe	ABB
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New Interchangeable Categories

The following new interchangeable categories and products were added:

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

Alendronate - 40 mg - Tablet					\$
02201038	Fosamax	MFX	5.3592		
02258102	Co Alendronate	COB	2.8707		

Alendronate - 70 mg - Tablet					\$
02245329	Fosamax	MFX	10.6339		
02248730	Apo-Alendronate	APX	6.8150		
02261715	Novo-Alendronate	NOP	6.8145		
02258110	Co Alendronate	COB	6.1331		

Betamethasone-17-Valerate - 0.05% - Cream					Per g \$
00716618	Betaderm	TAR	0.0667		
00535427	ratio-Ectosone	RPH	0.0611		

Bupropion HCl - 150 mg - Sustained Release Tablets					\$
02237825	Wellbutrin SR	GSK	0.9564		
02260239	Novo-Bupropion SR	NOP	0.6160		

Cilazapril Monohydrate - 1 mg - Tablets					\$
01911465	Inhibace	HLR	0.7054		
02266350	Novo-Cilazapril	NOP	0.4543		

Cilazapril Monohydrate - 2.5 mg - Tablets				\$
01911473	Inhibace	HLR		0.7997
02266369	Novo-Cilazapril	NOP		0.5236

Cilazapril Monohydrate - 5 mg - Tablets				\$
01911481	Inhibace	HLR		0.9290
02266377	Novo-Cilazapril	NOP		0.6083

Ciprofloxacin HCl - 0.3% - Ophthalmic Solution				Per mL \$
01945270	Ciloxan	ALC		2.2814
02253933	pms-Ciprofloxacin	PMS		1.2408

Clodronate Disodium - 400 mg - Capsules				\$
01927078	Ostac	HLR		2.0608
02245828	Clasteon	ORX		1.3291

Cyclosporine - 25 mg - Capsules				\$
02150689	Neoral	NVT		1.5800
02247073	Rhoxal-cyclosporine	RXP		1.0945

Cyclosporine - 50 mg - Capsules				\$
02150662	Neoral	NVT		3.2015
02247074	Rhoxal-cyclosporine	RXP		2.1340

Enoxaparin Sodium - 30 mg/0.3 mL - Pre-filled Syringe				Per PFS \$
02012472	Lovenox	AVT		7.7467
02265206	Enoxaparin	NOP		4.6510

Enoxaparin Sodium - 40 mg/0.4 mL - Pre-filled Syringe				Per PFS \$
02236883	Lovenox	AVT		8.8000
02265214	Enoxaparin	NOP		6.1600

Enoxaparin Sodium - 60 mg/0.6 mL - Pre-filled Syringe				Per PFS \$
02236883	Lovenox	AVT		13.2000
02265222	Enoxaparin	NOP		9.2400

Enoxaparin Sodium - 80 mg/0.8 mL - Pre-filled Syringe				Per PFS \$
02236883	Lovenox	AVT		17.6000
02265230	Enoxaparin	NOP		12.3200

Enoxaparin Sodium - 100 mg/mL - Pre-Filled Syringe				Per PFS \$
02236883	Lovenox	AVT		23.1000
02265249	Enoxaparin	NOP		15.4000

Estradiol-17B - 50 mcg - Transdermal Patch				\$
02244000	Estradot	NVT		2.8153
02246967	Rhoxal-estradiol derm	RXP		1.8755

Estradiol-17B - 75 mcg - Transdermal Patch				\$
02244001	Estradot	NVT		3.0227
02246968	Rhoxal-estradiol derm	RXP		2.0130

Estradiol-17B - 100 mcg - Transdermal Patch				\$
02244002	Estradot	NVT		3.1763
02246969	Rhoxal-estradiol derm	RXP		2.1175

Lithium Carbonate - 300 mg - Tablet				
00590665	Duralith	MCN		0.2405
02266695	Apo-Lithium Carbonate SR	APX		0.1467

Oxycodone HCl - 20 mg - Tablets				\$
02240132	Oxy-IR	PFR		0.6996
02262983	Supeudol 20	SIL		0.6083

Phenytoin - 25 mg/mL - Oral Liquid				Per mL \$
00023450	Dilantin	PDA		0.0531
02250896	Taro-Phenytoin	TAR		0.0343

New Interchangeable Products

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

Anagrelide HCl - 0.5 mg - Capsule				\$
02253054	Gen-anagrelide	GPM		3.6850

Betamethasone Dipropionate - 0.05% - Topical Cream				Per g \$
01925350	Taro-Sone	TAR		0.2369

Bisoprolol Fumarate - 5 mg - Tablet				\$
02267470	Novo-Bisoprolol	NOP		0.2426

Bisoprolol Fumarate - 10 mg - Tablet				\$
02267489	Novo-Bisoprolol	NOP		0.4019

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Brimonidine Tartrate - 0.2% - Ophthalmic Solution				Per mL \$
02260077	Apo-Brimonidine	APX		**2.2870

Dexamethasone - 0.5 mg - Tablets				\$
02261081	Apo-Dexamethasone	APX		0.2167

Divalproex Sodium - 125 mg - Enteric Coated Tablets				\$
02265133	Gen-Divalproex	GPM		0.1515

Divalproex Sodium - 250 mg - Enteric Coated Tablets				\$
02265141	Gen-Divalproex	GPM		0.2723

Divalproex Sodium - 500 mg - Enteric Coated Tablets				\$
02265168	Gen-Divalproex	GPM		0.5447

Fluconazole - 2 mg/mL - Injection				Per mL \$
02247749	Fluconazole Omega	OMA		**0.4375

Fosinopril Sodium - 10 mg - Tablets				\$
02255944	pms-Fosinopril	PMS		0.5475
02266008	Apo-Fosinopril	APX		0.5475

Fosinopril Sodium - 20 mg - Tablets				\$
02255952	pms-Fosinopril	PMS		0.6584
02266016	Apo-Fosinopril	APX		0.6584

Gabapentin - 100 mg - Capsules				\$
02256142	Co Gabapentin	COB		0.2772
02260883	ratio-Gabapentin	RPH		0.2772

Gabapentin - 300 mg - Capules				\$
02256150	Co Gabapentin	COB		0.6743
02260891	ratio-Gabapentin	RPH		0.6743

Gabapentin - 400 mg - Capsules				\$
02256169	Co Gabapentin	COB		0.8036
02260905	ratio-Gabapentin	RPH		0.8036

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Ipratropium Bromide/Salbutamol - 0.2 mg/1 mg/mL - Unit Dose Vial				Per mL \$
02246066	Gen-Combo Sterinebs	GPM		**0.3700
Lamotrigine - 25 mg - Tablets				\$
02265494	Gen-Lamotrigine	GPM		0.2297
Lamotrigine - 100 mg - Tablets				\$
02265508	Gen-Lamotrigine	GPM		0.9189
Lamotrigine - 150 mg - Tablets				\$
02265516	Gen-Lamotrigine	GPM		1.3783
Metoprolol Tartrate - 25 mg - Tablets				\$
02261898	Novo-Metoprol	NOP		0.0707
Mirtazapine - 30 mg - Tablets				\$
02267292	Rhoxal-mirtazapine FC	RXP		0.8594
Mometasone Furoate - 0.1% - Topical Ointment				Per g \$
02264749	Taro-Mometasone	TAR		**0.3842
Nystatin - 100,000 U/g - Topical Cream				Per g \$
00716871	Nyaderm	TAR		0.1577
Pamidronate Disodium - 3 mg/mL - Injection				Per mL \$
02264951	Rhoxal-pamidronate	RXP		**9.7185
Pamidronate Disodium - 9 mg/mL - Injection				Per mL \$
02264986	Rhoxal-pamidronate	RXP		**29.1555
Paroxetine HCl - 10 mg - Tablets				\$
02262746	Co Paroxetine	COB		1.1473
Paroxetine HCl - 20 mg - Tablets				\$
02262754	Co Paroxetine	COB		1.1019
Paroxetine HCl - 30 mg - Tablets				\$
02262762	Co Paroxetine	COB		1.1712

Terbinafine HCl - 250 mg - Tablets				\$
02254727	Co Terbinafine	COB		2.7767

Triamcinolone Acetonide - 0.1% - Topical Cream				Per g \$
00716960	Triaderm	TAR		0.2274

Warfarin Sodium - 1 mg - Tablets				\$
02265273	Novo-Warfarin	NOP		0.1960

Warfarin Sodium - 2 mg - Tablets				\$
02265281	Novo-Warfarin	NOP		0.2074

Warfarin Sodium - 2.5 mg - Tablets				\$
02265303	Novo-Warfarin	NOP		0.1660

Warfarin Sodium - 3 mg - Tablets				\$
02265311	Novo-Warfarin	NOP		0.2571

Warfarin Sodium - 4 mg - Tablets				\$
02265338	Novo-Warfarin	NOP		0.2571

Warfarin Sodium - 5 mg - Tablets				\$
02265346	Novo-Warfarin	NOP		0.1663

** 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.

Product Deletions

The following products have been deleted (notification was provided in Bulletin 47).

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	Glyseennid	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	Myochrysin	sodium aurothiomalate	25 mg	Injection
00022608	Ortho-Novum 1/50	mestranol/norethindrone	50 mcg/1mg	Tablets
02243159	Palladone XL	hydromorphone HCl	12 mg	Controlled Delivery Capsules
02243160			16 mg	
02243161			24 mg	
01926675	Piportil L4	pipotiazine palmitate	50 mg/mL	Injection
02240601	Serc	betahistine HCl	8 mg	Tablets
01926630	Surmontil	trimipramine	50 mg	Tablets

Interchangeable Product Price Changes

The following changes in prices have occurred:

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02247585	Apo-Calcitonin	calcitonin (salmon synthetic)	200 IU/mL	Nasal Spray	**1.7254
00726672	Apo-Erythro E-C	erythromycin	250 mg	Capsules	**0.3810
00426849	Apo-Folic	folic acid	5 mg	Tablets	0.0404 (0.0266)
01913654	Apo-Glyburide	glyburide	2.5 mg	Tablets	**0.0393
01913662	Apo-Glyburide	glyburide	5 mg	Tablets	**0.0683
02243538	Apo-Labetalol	labetalol	100 mg	Tablets	**0.1977
00522678	Apo-Naproxen	naproxen	125 mg	Tablets	0.0763 (0.0695)
00642223	Apo-Pen VK	penicillin potassium	125 mg/5 mL	Oral Liquid	0.0446
00731439	Atrovent	ipratropium bromide	250 mcg/mL	Inhalation Solution	0.9922
01950681	Atrovent	ipratropium bromide	250 mcg/mL	Unit Dose Vial	1.4889
02026759	Atrovent	ipratropium bromide	125 mcg/mL	Unit Dose Vial	0.7444
02163705	Atrovent	ipratropium bromide	0.03%	Nasal Spray	1.0923
01916866	Clavulin	amoxicillin /clavulanic acid	250 mg/125 mg	Tablets	0.9439
01916858	Clavulin	amoxicillin /clavulanic acid	500 mg/125 mg	Tablets	1.4158
02238829	Clavulin	amoxicillin /clavulanic acid	875 mg/125 mg	Tablets	2.1237
01916882	Clavulin	amoxicillin /clavulanic acid	25 mg/6.25 mg/mL	Oral Suspension	0.1119
01916874	Clavulin	amoxicillin /clavulanic acid	50 mg/12.5 mg/mL	Oral Suspension	0.1879
02229650	Coreg	carvedilol	3.125 mg	Tablets	1.3508
02229651	Coreg	carvedilol	6.25 mg	Tablets	1.3508
02229652	Coreg	carvedilol	12.5 mg	Tablets	1.3508
02229653	Coreg	carvedilol	25 mg	Tablets	1.3508

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01912828	Cortisporin	polymyxin/ neomycin/ hydrocortisone	10,000 U/ 3.5 mg/ 10 mg per mL	Otic Solution	1.1970
01924761	Ditropan	oxybutynin chloride	5 mg	Tablets	0.4739
01916548	Endocet	oxycodone HCl/ acetaminophen	5 mg/ 325 mg	Tablets	0.1373
01968416	Floxin	ofloxacin	300 mg	Tablets	2.9214
01968408	Floxin	ofloxacin	400 mg	Tablets	2.9214
02221799	Frisium	clobazam	10 mg	Tablets	0.4833
02245648	Gen-Ciprofloxacin	ciprofloxacin	500 mg	Tablets	1.9294
02245649	Gen-Ciprofloxacin	ciprofloxacin	750 mg	Tablets	3.6391
02142104	Lamictal	lamotrigine	100 mg	Tablets	1.3960
02142112	Lamictal	lamotrigine	150 mg	Tablets	2.1060
02236841	Levaquin	levofloxacin	250 mg	Tablets	5.0549
02236842	Levaquin	levofloxacin	500 mg	Tablets	5.7039
02015439	MS Contin	morphine sulfate	15 mg	Sustained Release Tablets	0.6895
02014297	MS Contin	morphine sulfate	30 mg	Sustained Release Tablets	1.0410
02014300	MS Contin	morphine sulfate	60 mg	Sustained Release Tablets	1.8352
02014203	MS IR	morphine sulfate	5 mg	Tablets	0.1274
02014211	MS IR	morphine sulfate	10 mg	Tablets	0.1980
02231691	Novo-Cefaclor	cefaclor	250 mg	Capsules	1.0667
02231693	Novo-Cefaclor	cefaclor	500 mg	Capsules	2.0942
02240346	Novo-Terbinafine	terbinafine HCl	250 mg	Tablets	2.7767
02027887	Paxil	paroxetine hydrochloride	10 mg	Tablets	1.5810
01940481	Paxil	paroxetine hydrochloride	20 mg	Tablets	1.6872
01940473	Paxil	paroxetine hydrochloride	30 mg	Tablets	1.7927
00598461	pms-Sulfasalazine	sulfasalazine	500 mg	Tablets	0.1496
00839388	Prinivil	lisinopril	5 mg	Tablets	**0.5387
00839418	Prinivil	lisinopril	20 mg	Tablets	**0.7780
02234466	Proctodan-HC	pramoxine HCl/ hdrocortisone acetate/ zinc sulfate	10 mg/ 5 mg/ 5 mg/g	Ointment	**0.8834
02240851	Proctodan-HC	pramoxine HCl/ hdrocortisone acetate/ zinc sulfate	20 mg/ 10 mg/ 10 mg	Suppository	1.1042
02247322	Proctol	framycetin sulfate/ esculin/ hydrocortisone/ dibucaine HCl	10 mg/ 10 mg/ 5 mg/ 5 mg	Ointment	**0.5960
02247882	Proctol	framycetin sulfate/ esculin/ hydrocortisone/ dibucaine HCl	10 mg/ 10 mg/ 5 mg/ 5 mg	Suppository	**0.7925
00695440	Quinine-Odan	quinine sulfate	200 mg	Capsules	**0.2390
00695459	Quinine-Odan	quinine sulfate	300 mg	Capsules	0.3750
02083531	Relafen	nabumetone	500 mg	Tablets	0.7108
02083558	Relafen	nabumetone	750 mg	Tablets	0.9654
00514888	Salex	docusate sodium	100 mg	Capsules	0.0383
02163934	Tylenol #2	acetaminophen compound with codeine	15 mg	Tablets	0.0708

02163926	Tylenol #3	acetaminophen compound with codeine	30 mg	Tablets	0.0779
02163918	Tylenol #4	acetaminophen with codeine	300 mg/ 60 mg	Tablets	0.1647
02212390	Ventolin	salbutamol sulfate	0.4mg/mL	Oral Liquid	0.0680
00687456	Viroptic	trifluridine	0.1%	Ophthalmic Solution	3.3426
01943200	Vitamin B6	pyridoxine HCl	25 mg	Tablets	0.0295
02212374	Zantac	ranitidine hydrochloride	15 mg/mL	Oral Solution	0.1948

** 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.

02162679	Anapolon	oxymetholone	50 mg	Tablet
00189421	Anapolon	oxymetholone	50 mg	Tablet
02154854	DTIC-DOME	dacarbazine	200 mg	Vials
02229863	Dynabac	dirithromycin	250 mg	Enteric Coated Tablet
00782742	Flexeril	cyclobenzaprine HCl	10 mg	Tablet
01997645	Macrodantin	nitrofurantoin	100 mg	Capsules
00643025	Noroxin	norfloxacin	400 mg	Tablet
01926667	Piportil L4	pipotiazine palmitate	25 mg/mL	Injection
02204584 02204576 01916742 01959263	Protropin	somatrem/water	5 mg/10 mL 10 mg/10 mL 10 mg/20 mL 5 mg/10 mL	Kit
00028053	Sulamyd	sulfacetamide sodium USP	100mg/mL	Ophthalmic
02221926	Topicort	desoximetasone	0.05%	Gel

Manufacturer Updates

The following products have been transferred to Berlex Canada Inc. (BEX):

01984845	Bonefos	clodronate disodium	400 mg	Capsules
01984837	Bonefos	clodronate disodium	300 mg/5 mL	Ampoules

The following product has been transferred to PendoPharm (PPI):

02221799	Frisium	clobazam	10 mg	Tablets
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The following product has been transferred to PremPharm (PMP):

00487813	Moduret	hydrochlorothiazide/ amiloride	50/5 mg	Tablets
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The following product has been transferred to Triton Pharma Inc. (TRI):

00176141	Bellergal Spacetabs	belladonna/ ergotamine tartrate/ phenobarbital	0.2 mg/ 0.6 mg/ 40 mg	Tablets
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Notice of Company Merger:

Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Company Limited and Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Company Limited have merged to become ASTELLAS PHARMA INC. (ASP).

*** 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.**