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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 111

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy to Retail Pharmacists)

Dear Doctor,

DRUG TARIFF 1970, AMENDMENT NO. 5: EFFECTIVE 1 DECEMBER 1971

Additions

These are listed at the end of the Amendment. Payment will be made for Drug Tariff items manufactured by Weiders Farmasøytiske A/S, Norway.

Alterations

To be available from hospital pharmacies without further restriction:
Ibuprofen tablets (Brufen).

CHLORAMPHENICOL RESTRICTION

From 1 April 1972 all systemic preparations of chloramphenicol will be restricted under the Drug Tariff to "Hospital Board—specialist" supply.

EXTENDED SUPPLY PRESCRIPTIONS

Provision is made in the Drug Tariff for extended supplies of drugs used in the treatment of chronic conditions. Extended supply prescriptions may order supplies for periods from 1 to 3 months, except in the case of narcotics, when payment is made for a maximum supply of 1 month.

Payment on these prescriptions is not legally valid unless they are properly endorsed, i.e., with the words "Extended Supply" and an indication of the period, which may be anything from 1 to 3 months. A pricing officer who approves payment on a prescription bearing some variant of the proper endorsement is liable to have his decision questioned when an Audit check is carried out later.

The total quantity to be supplied should also be stated in all prescriptions. If it is not stated, the pharmacist calculates it from the dose and period of supply. If the doctor does not intend that the full dosage be taken throughout, a smaller quantity would usually have been sufficient. For example, if an extended supply is ordered for a drug (e.g., a hypnotic) which is not meant to be taken every day, the *period* specified must be not less than 1 month, but the *quantity* ordered in such a prescription might only be sufficient for 15 or 20 days. In the circumstances, this would be a month's treatment.

The Poisons Regulations 1964 require that prescriptions for prescription poisons and restricted drugs indicate the total quantity to be dispensed. The majority of prescriptions fall into one of these categories.

Extended supplies for more than 1 month are dispensed by the pharmacist in monthly lots unless:

(a) The doctor endorses the prescription otherwise; or

(b) The patient or pharmacist endorses the prescription, stating the special circumstances.

Experience has shown that repeat issues are often not taken up by the patient; so extended supply prescriptions marked "all at once" should be used with discretion and with due regard to the circumstances. In many instances patients can safely be given a 3 months' supply at one time, and with chronic conditions which require continual medication this is a reasonable and economical thing to do. Some doctors, however, are in the habit of asking for all supplies to be dispensed in one lot. This is undesirable in the case of a large number of drugs, and is often wasteful.

Some doctors adopt a procedure directing the pharmacist, when a new treatment is initiated, to issue a week's supply first, and the balance of the extended supply prescription at the end of that period, or month by month. This avoids wastage and the hoarding of unwanted drugs in cases where the treatment proves to be unsuitable. This practice is recommended for wider use.

Yours faithfully,



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**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES WITHOUT FURTHER
RESTRICTION AS AT 1 DECEMBER 1971**

Official Name				Trade Names	
Attapulgit with neomycin sulphate	..	..	..	Atasorb-N	
Calcium glucono-galacto-gluconate	..	..	..	Calcium Sandoz Effervescent	
Calcium lactate-gluconate	..	..	..	Calcium Sandoz Forte Effervescent	
Cloxacillin sodium	..	..	..	Orbenin	
Cortisone tablets	..	..	..	Cortelan	
Desferrioxamine B mesylate	..	..	..	Desferal	
Diloxanide furoate	..	..	..	Furamide	
Doxycycline hydrochloride	..	..	..	Vibramycin	
Fludrocortisone acetate	..	..	..	Florinef	
Framycetin sulphate	..	..	..	Framygen, Soframycin	
Framycetin sulphate with kaolin	..	..	..	Enterfram	

Official Name	Trade Names
Gentamicin sulphate injection	Cidomycin, Garamycin
Hydrocortisone tablets	
Ibuprofen tablets	Brufen
Kanamycin sulphate	Kanasig, Kantrex
Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin ..	Kaomycin
Lincomycin hydrochloride	Lincocin
Methallenoestril	Vallestril
Methicillin sodium	Celbenin
Neomycin for oral use	Mycifradin, Neomin
Novobiocin	Albamycin, Cathomycin
Oestradiol valerate	Progynova
Paromomycin sulphate	Humatin
Penicillamine hydrochloride	Penicillamine
Pentazocine injection	Fortral
Thiambutosine	Ciba 1906

**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A
SPECIALIST AS AT 1 DECEMBER 1971**

Official Name	Trade Names
Alprenolol hydrochloride	Aptin
Alprenolol hydrochloride long acting tablets ..	Aptin Durules
Amantadine hydrochloride	Symmetrel
Aminocaproic acid	Amicar
Amphotericin B vials	Fungizone for Infusion
Aprotinin	Trasylol
Azathioprine	Imuran
b-Naphthyl-di (2-chloropropyl)-amine with urethane ..	R 151 with Urethane
Beclamide	Nydrane
Benzylpenicillin sodium salt, purified ..	Purapen
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets and as injections not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Betnesol, Celestone
Busulphan	Myleran
Butaperazine	Randolectil
Carbenicillin	Pyopen
Carbenoxolone sodium	Biogastrone
Cephaloridine	Ceporan
Cephalothin sodium	Keflin
Chlorambucil	Leukeran
Chlormethiazole and its esters	Hemineurin
Chlorotrianisene	TACE
Chymotrypsin injection	Chymar, Chymo-Trypüre Novo, Zonulysin, Zolyse
Clofibrate	Atromid S
Clomiphene citrate (O. and G. specialist) ..	Clomid
Colistin and its salts and esters	Colymycin
Corticotrophin	Acthar

Official Name	Trade Names
Corticotrophin, long acting	Cortico-Gel, Cortrophin ZN., H.P. Acthar Gel
Cortisone acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Cortidren, Cortisyl
Cyclophosphamide	Endoxan-Asta
Cycloserine	D-Cycloserine
Cytosine Arabinoside	Cytarabine
Dexamethasone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Decadron, Dexacortisyl, Maxidex
Drostanolone propionate	Masteril
Dydrogesterone	Duphaston
Ethambutol	Myambutol
Ethionamide	Trescatyl
Ethionamide and isoniazid	Trescazide
Ethylestrenol	Orabolin
Fluorouracil	Fluoro-Uracil, Fluoroplex
Fluoxymesterone	Halotestin, Ultandren
Fluphenazine decanoate injection	Modecate
Fluphenazine enanthate	Anatensol Enanthate
Folinic acid	Leucovorin
Fusidic acid and its salts and esters	Fucidin
Glibenclamide	Daonil, Euglucon
Hydrocortisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Hydrocortisyl
Isoetharine hydrochloride	Numotac
Isoniazid	Pycazide
Isoniazid with aminosalicilic acid and its salts	Inapasade, Pasinah, Pasinah D, Pasinah 302, Pycamisan, Pycamisan B.D., Pycasix
Levodopa	Laradopa
Lithium carbonate	Camcolit
Mannomustine hydrochloride	Degranol
Medroxyprogesterone acetate tablets exceeding 5mg strength	Provera
Mefenamic acid capsules	Ponstan
Melphalan	Alkeran
Mercaptopurine	Puri-Nethol
Mestanolone	Androstalone
Methandienone	Dianabol
Methotrexate	Amethopterin
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters	Medrol
Methysergide dimaleate	Deseril
Metyrapone	Metopirone
Mitomycins	
Mustine, its salts and derivatives	Trillekamin
Nandrolone decanoate	Deca-Durabolin
Nandrolone phenylpropionate	Durabolin
Nialamide	Niamid
Nitrogen mustard N-oxide	Nitromin
Norethandrolone	Nilevar
Oxprenolol hydrochloride	Trasicor

Official Name					Trade Names
Oxymesterone	..	..	..	..	Oranabol
Oxymetholone	..	..	..	..	Adroyd, Anapolon-50
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General of Health					Combizym, Cotazym, Cotazym B
Para-aminosalicylic acid and its salts and derivatives					
Paraoxypropiofenone	..	..	..	..	Frenantol
Phenyl-para-aminosalicylate	..	..	..	..	Tebanyl
Pizotifen	..	..	..	..	Sandomigran
Polyestradiol phosphate	..	..	..	..	Estradurin
Potassium para-aminobenzoate	..	..	..	..	Potaba
Practolol	..	..	..	..	Eraldin
Prednisolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff					
Prednisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff					
Procarbazine hydrochloride	..	..	..	..	Natulan
Propranolol hydrochloride	..	..	..	..	Inderal
Prothionamide	..	..	..	..	Trevintix
Pyrazinamide					
Quinestradiol	..	..	..	..	Pentovis
Quinidine bisulphate long acting tablets	..	..	..	..	Kinidin Durules
Rifampicin for the treatment of tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	Rifadin, Rimactane
Salbutamol tablets	..	..	..	..	Ventolin
Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid cachets, B.N.F.					
Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid granules, B.N.F.					
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate	..	..	..	..	Resonium-A
Spirolactone	..	..	..	..	Aldactone-A
Stanolone	..	..	..	..	Anabolex
Stilboestrol diphosphate	..	..	..	..	Honvan
Streptonicozid					
Tetracosactrin	..	..	..	..	Synacthen
Tetracosactrin long acting	..	..	..	..	Synacthen Depot
Thiocarlide	..	..	..	..	Isoxyl
Thiopropazine mesylate	..	..	..	..	Majeptil
Thiotepa					
Thiothixene	..	..	..	..	Navane
Tranlycypromine sulphate	..	..	..	..	Parnate
Triamcinolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff					Kenacort, Lederkort
Triaziquone	..	..	..	..	Trenimon
Trifluoperidol hydrochloride (psychiatric specialist)	..	..	..	..	Triperidol
Trimustine					
Vinblastine sulphate	..	..	..	..	Velbe
Vincristine sulphate	..	..	..	..	Oncovin
Viomycin and its salts	..	..	..	..	Vionactane