

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
P.O. BOX 5013,
WELLINGTON.

20 November 1972.

CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 122
TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
(Copy to Retail Pharmacists)

Dear Doctor,

DRUG TARIFF 1970, AMENDMENT NO. 8:
EFFECTIVE 1 DECEMBER 1972

Additions

To be available from retail pharmacies:

Fluorometholone eye drops (F.M.L.)—ophthalmological specialist.
Electrolyte powder for solution for oral use, as approved by the
Director-General of Health (Lytren).
Neomycin sulphate with polymixin B sulphate and bacitracin zinc
aerosol (Rikospray Antibiotic)—medical practitioner's supply order.
Pseudoephedrine hydrochloride elixir (Sudafed).
Diphemanil methyl sulphate (Prantal)—for the use of amputees with
artificial limbs if prescriptions endorsed accordingly.
Amphotericin B lozenges (Fungilin).
Phosphates enema, B.N.F. (Fletchers disposable enema).
Physostigmine and pilocarpine eye drops, B.N.F.
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion (Phiasol A.S.)—dermatological
specialist or radiotherapy specialist.
Codeine linctus, diabetic, B.P.C.

To be available from a retail pharmacy on the recommendation of a
specialist:

Azathioprine—Imuran.
b-naphthyl-di (2-chloropropyl) amine—R151 with Urethane.
Busulphan—Myleran.
Chlorotrianisene—TACE.
Cyclophosphamide—Endoxan—asta.
Cytarabine—Cytosar.
Drostanolone propionate—Masteril.
Fluoro-uracil injection—Fluoro-uracil.
Fluphenazine decanoate injection—Modecate.
Fluphenazine oenanthatate injection—Anatensol Enanthate.
Medroxyprogesterone acetate tablets exceeding 5 mg strength—Provera.

Melphalan—Alkeran.

Mercaptopurine—Puri-nethol.

Mustine, its salts and derivatives—Mustine hydrochloride injection.

Mustine-N-oxide hydrochloride—Nitromin.

Polyestradiol phosphate—Estradurin.

Procarbazine hydrochloride—Natulan.

Stilboestrol diphosphate—Honvan.

Triethylene thiophosphoramidate—Thio-Tepa.

Vinblastine sulphate—Velbe.

Vincristine sulphate—Oncovin.

A new category has been introduced—"Retail pharmacy—specialist". This means that from 1 December 1972 the pharmaceutical requirements concerned may be obtained from a retail pharmacy on the prescription or recommendation of a specialist. If the treatment is recommended by a specialist the prescription should be endorsed with the words "recommended by (*name of specialist*)". The term "specialist" means those medical practitioners who, for the purposes of Part II of the Social Security Act 1964, have been recognised as specialists by the Minister of Health. A list of specialists was issued in Clinical Services Letter No. 110, dated 30 September 1971, and updated in a notice issued in June 1972. A list of the preparations available in this way is included on the first page of this letter.

CHILDPROOF CONTAINERS

Since August 1970 the department has made payment for Curly Lock bottle tops or Palm-N-Turn vials when they are used in dispensing prescriptions. The decision to use either of these rests with the doctor or the pharmacist, or in some instances the patient may request that a childproof container be used.

PRESCRIPTION WRITING


It is important that the prescriber writes the name of the drug required on a prescription. It is not sufficient to quote the number allocated by a previous pharmacist for the supply of that same pharmaceutical requirement, or to use a code or cypher. In any case this can often be a dangerous and confusing practice.

Yours faithfully,



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Director.



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Deputy Director.

Division of Clinical Services.

**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES WITHOUT FURTHER RESTRICTION
AS AT 1 DECEMBER 1972**

Official Name	Trade Names
Alprenolol hydrochloride	Aptin
Alprenolol hydrochloride long-acting tablets	Aptin Durules
Amphetamine sulphate	
Attapulgit with neomycin sulphate	Atasorb-N
Calcium glucono-galacto-gluconate	Calcium Sandoz Effervescent
Calcium lactate-gluconate	Calcium Sandoz Forte Effer- vescent
Cortisone tablets	Cortelan
Desferrioxamine B mesylate	Desferal
Dexamphetamine sulphate	Dexedrine
Diloxanide furoate	Furamide
Doxycycline hydrochloride	Vibramycin
Fludrocortisone acetate	Florinef
Framycetin sulphate	Framygen, Soframycin
Framycetin sulphate with kaolin	Enterfram
Gentamicin sulphate injection	Cidomycin, Garamycin
Hydrocortisone tablets	
Kanamycin sulphate	Kanasig, Kantrex
Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin	Kaomycin
Methallenoestril	Vallestril
Methicillin sodium	Celbenin
Methylamphetamine hydrochloride	Desoxyn
Neomycin for oral use	Mycifradin, Neomin
Novobiocin	Albamycin, Cathomycin
Oestradiol valerate	Progynova
Oxprenolol hydrochloride	Trasicor
Paromomycin sulphate	Humatin
Penicillamine hydrochloride	Penicillamine
Pentazocine injection	Fortral
Practolol	Eraldin
Propranolol hydrochloride	Inderal
Thiambutosine	Ciba 1906
Vancomycin hydrochloride	Vancocin

**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A
SPECIALIST AS AT 1 DECEMBER 1972**

Official Name	Trade Names
Amantadine hydrochloride	Symmetrel
Amiloride with hydrochlorothiazide	Moduretic
Aminocaproic acid	Amicar
Amphotericin B vials	Fungizone for Infusion
Aprotinin	Trasylol
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
Butaperazine	Randolectil
Capreomycin injection	Caprocin
Carbenicillin	Pyopen
Carbenoxolone sodium	Biogastrone
Cephalexin monohydrate	Ceporex, Keflex, Keforal
Cephaloridine	Ceporan
Cephalothin sodium	Keflin
Chloramphenicol	Chlomin, Chloramex, Chloro- mycetin
Chloramphenicol palmitate	Cloramex, Chloromycetin
Chloramphenicol sodium succinate injection	Chloromycetin Succinate injec- tion
Chlormethiazole and its esters	Hemineurin
Cholestyramine	Cuemid, Questran
Chymotrypsin injection	Chymar, Chymo-Trypure Novo, Zonulysin, Zolyse
Clofibrate	Atromid S
Clomiphene citrate (O. and G. specialist)	Clomid
Colistin and its salts and esters	Colymycin
Corticotrophin	Acthar
Corticotrophin, long-acting	Cortico-Gel, Cortrophin ZN., H.P. Acthar Gel
Cortisone acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Cortidren, Cortisyl
Desipramine hydrochloride	Pertofran
Dexamethasone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Decadron, Dexacortisyl, Maxi- dex
Dydrogesterone	Duphaston

Official Name	Trade Names
Folinic acid	Leucovorin
Fusidic acid and its salts and esters	Fucidin
Hydrocortisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Hydrocortisyl
Lactulose	Duphalac
Levodopa	Laradopa, Eldopar
Lithium carbonate	Camcolit
Mefenamic acid capsules	Ponstan
Methotrexate	Amethopterin
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters	Medrol
Methysergide dimaleate	Deseril
Metyrapone	Metopirone
Mitomycins	
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General of Health	Combizym, Cotazym, Cotazvm B
Pentagastrin injection	Peptavlon
Prindolol	Visken
Pizotifen	Sandomigran
Potassium para-aminobenzoate	Potaba
Prednisolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	
Prednisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	
Quinestradol	Pentovis
Quinidine bisulphate long-acting tablets	Kinidin Durules
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate	Resonium-A
Spironolactone	Aldactone-A
Tetracosactrin	Synacthen
Tetracosactrin long-acting	Cortrosyn Depot, Synacthen Depot
Thiopropazine mesylate	Majeptil
Thiothixene	Navane
Triamcinolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Kenacort, Ledercort
Triamterene with hydrochlorothiazide	Dyazide
Triamterene with hydrochlorothiazide (specialist)	Triperidol

INFANTS ON SPECIAL DIETS

In Clinical Services Letter No. 117, dated 7 September 1972, it was stated that most special diets, such as those used for phenylketonuria, do not contain adequate vitamin content, and most multivitamin preparations for children do not contain folic acid.

Mead Johnson Laboratories have informed us that all their infant formulae and special diets contain minimum daily requirements of all vitamins for which M.D.R.'s have been established, and folic acid at a level of 53.0 mcg per litre of normal dilution.

In particular, their product Lofenalac, for phenylketonuria, contains folic acid at an adequate level for a developing infant.

GENERAL PRACTICE VACANCY: CHEVIOT

General practitioner urgently required at Cheviot, North Canterbury, 72 miles from Christchurch.

Attractive three-bedroomed house, including surgery, available at a nominal rental, close to a four-bed maternity hospital. Other practitioners located at Kaikoura, Waikari, and Rotherham.

Guaranteed minimum from general medical services, plus maternity benefits. Private fees chargeable in addition. The practice serves about 2,000 people. Modern pharmacy, ambulance service and most modern amenities are available.

Full particulars from—

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CIRCULAR LETTER TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy to Retail Pharmacists)

Dear Sir,

AMENDMENT TO CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 122 20 NOVEMBER 1972

The following list of drugs was inadvertently omitted from the list of drugs to be available from a retail pharmacy on the recommendation of a specialist.

Cycloserine-D-cycloserine
Ethambutol-Myambutol
Ethionamide - Trescatyl
Ethionamide with isoniazid- Trescazide
Isoniazid
Isoniazid and aminosalicylic acid and its salts
Para-aminosalicylic acid and its salts and derivatives
Prothionamide-Trevintix
Pyrazinamide
Rifampicin for the treatment of tuberculosis -
Rifadin, Rimactane
Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid cachets, B.N.F.
Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid granules, B.N.F.
Thiocarlide - Isoxyl
Viomycin and its salts - Vionactane
Ethylestrenol - Orabolin
Fluoxymesterone - Halotestin, Ultandren
Methandienone - Dianabol
Nandrolone decanoate injection - Deca-durabolin
Nandrolone phenylpropionate injection - Durabolin
Oxymetholone - Adroyd, Anapolon
Stanolone - Anabolex.

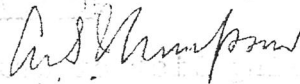
AMPHETAMINES

There appears to be some confusion about the availability of amphetamine preparations since 3 November 1972. Earlier advice was included in Clinical Services Letter No. 118, dated 9 October 1972.

The position is that any of the three preparations available under the Drug Tariff may be obtained on a medical practitioner's prescription only from a hospital pharmacy. These preparations are amphetamine sulphate, dexamphetamine sulphate and methylamphetamine hydrochloride.

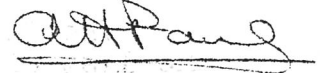
The sale and dispensing of any other amphetamine preparation is prohibited under the Poisons Regulations 1964. This includes long acting forms of amphetamines which are not available under the Drug Tariff, e.g. Dexedrine Spansules, Durophet and Durophet-M. In addition, Drinamyl is not a charge under the Drug Tariff. All previous applications for special supplies of these drugs as supplementary benefits are therefore cancelled, and consideration cannot be given to future applications.

Yours faithfully,



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