

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

17 February 1974.

## CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 132

### TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy to Retail Pharmacists)

Dear Doctor,

#### LIST OF RECOGNISED SPECIALISTS

Name omitted from Additions to List of Recognised Specialists for purposes of Part II, Social Security Act 1964, to be read in conjunction with Clinical Services Letter No. 128:

Taylor, Allan John—specialist in psychiatry.

#### BRITISH NATIONAL FORMULARY 1974-76 EDITION

The following items which are covered by the Drug Tariff 1970 have not been retained in the 1974-76 edition of the British National Formulary. Would you please advise the Director, Division of Clinical Services, Department of Health, P.O. Box 5013, Wellington, of any items which you consider should be retained in the Drug Tariff.

Aspirin with ipecacuanha and opium tablets.

Iodine ointment, non-staining.

Iodine ointment, non-staining, with methyl salicylate.

Morphine and hyoscine injection.

Sodium antimonylgluconate injection.

Sodium bicarbonate eye lotion.

Stibophen injection.

Zinc and salicylic acid dusting powder.



**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PROPRIETARY PREPARATIONS:  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1973**

On page 37 the entry for Maxidex should read:

†Maxidex                      Dexamethasone                      AC      op

There are several errors in the Schedule to the Drug Tariff, starting on page 69. Corrections and amendments made to the Drug Tariff in Amendment No. 11 which became effective 1 December 1973, will be incorporated in a revised section which will be sent to you as soon as possible.

**AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF**

In Clinical Services Letter No. 130 the brand name Primperan was not shown against metoclopramide hydrochloride. The injection is available only on a medical practitioner's supply order. The tablets and syrup are available from a hospital pharmacy.

Pentazocine tablets (Fortral) are available from:

- (a) A retail pharmacy on a medical practitioner's supply order; or
- (b) A hospital pharmacy on the prescription of a medical practitioner.

Yours faithfully,



(A. W. S. Thompson)  
Director,



(A. H. Paul)  
Deputy Director,

Division of Clinical Services.

**CARE IN WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS**

A case has come to notice where confusion in the dispensing of a prescription between two rather similar brand names led to the death of a patient. This lends tragic emphasis to the vital need for care in writing prescriptions, to ensure that all essential details are clearly legible.



### **GENERAL PRACTICE VACANCY—LAWRENCE**

Lawrence requires a general practitioner. Borough population 610, plus county, total approximately 2,000. Hospital board residence in grounds of hospital (eight general, five maternity beds), modern surgery, ambulance service.

58 miles central from Dunedin.

Ingoing costs practically nil.

Further information from the Mayor, Mr S. R. Cross, P.O. Box 8, Lawrence. (Phone Lawrence 8.)

### **PORT CHALMERS—VACANCY FOR A GENERAL PRACTITIONER**

A vacancy exists for a second practitioner at Port Chalmers. The practice population is in the region of 4,500.

The town is 7 miles from Dunedin, where specialist and hospital facilities are readily available.

A health centre is being planned for the borough.