

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
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**CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 144**  
**TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS**  
**(Copy to Proprietors of Retail Pharmacies)**

Dear Sir /Madam,

**DRUG TARIFF 1974, AMENDMENT NO. 1:**  
**EFFECTIVE 1 DECEMBER 1974**

1. Payment for radiographic preparatory substances:

From 1 December 1974 radiographic preparatory substances will be available free of charge under the Drug Tariff only when obtained by practitioners or private hospitals from wholesale outlets.

Reimbursement of the cost of supplies purchased from wholesale outlets will be made by the department on the submission of wholesalers *invoices* to the local medical officer of health. These should be suitably endorsed or submitted with a covering letter to indicate that the supplies have been received and that they are for radiological services for patients entitled to receive pharmaceutical benefits.

The handling of claims will be facilitated if addressed, "Attention, Benefits Section (Radiographic preparatory substances)".

2. To be available from a retail pharmacy:

*Additions to the Tariff*

Fucidic acid gel (Fucidin gel).  
Pivampicillin paediatric drops (Alphacillin).  
Pivampicillin suspension (Alphacillin, Pondocillin).  
Timolol maleate tablets (Blocadren).

*Changed Availability*

Fluocinonide cream (Metosyn).

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

*Changed Availability*

Dexamethasone as proprietary eye drops (Maxidex).

Dexamethasone with neomycin sulphate and polymyxin B sulphate as proprietary eye drops (Maxitrol).

4. To be available from a hospital pharmacy:

*Additions to the Tariff*

Dexamphetamine sulphate long acting capsules (Dexedrine Spansules).  
Ketoprofen capsules (Orudis).

5. To be available from a hospital pharmacy on the recommendation of a specialist:

*Addition to the Tariff*

Carbidopa with levodopa tablets (Sinemet).

6. Deletions:

The following items have been deleted from the Drug Tariff:

Aluminium sodium silicate with belladonna tablets (Neutradonna tablets).

Alkaline compound tablets (milk dextrin type) (Nulacin tablets only).

Aspirin and opium tablets, compound, B.P.C. 1968.

Aspirin and phenacetin tablets, B.P.C. 1963.

Aspirin, phenacetin and codeine tablets, B.P.

Aspirin tablets, compound, B.P.C.

Aspirin, soluble, with phenacetin and codeine tablets (S-Cod tablets).

Borax glycerin, B.P.C. 1959.

Magnesium trisilicate compound tablets, B.P.C.

Phenacetin.

Phenacetin and caffeine tablets, B.P.C. 1968.

Theophylline.

Yours faithfully,



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**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM  
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES WITHOUT FURTHER RESTRICTION  
AS AT 1 DECEMBER 1974**

Official Name	Trade Names
Amphetamine sulphate .. ..	
Attapulgit with neomycin sulphate ..	Atasorb-N
Beclamide .. ..	Nydrane
Calcium lactate-gluconate .. ..	Calcium Sandoz Forte Effer- vescent
Carbenicillin, sodium salt, injection ..	Pyopen
Cephalexin monohydrate .. ..	Ceporex, Keflex
Cephaloridine .. ..	Ceporan
Cephalothin sodium .. ..	Keflin
Cephradine .. ..	Velosef
Clofazimine .. ..	Lamprene
Corticotrophin .. ..	Acthar
Corticotrophin zinc .. ..	Cortrophin ZN
Corticotrophin gelatin .. ..	Acthar Gel, Cortico-Gel
Desferrioxamine B mesylate .. ..	Desferal
Dexamphetamine sulphate .. ..	Dexedrine
Dexamphetamine sulphate long-acting cap- sules .. ..	Dexedrine Spansules
Framycetin sulphate injection and tablets ..	Soframycin
Framycetin sulphate with kaolin ..	Enterfram
Gentamicin sulphate injection .. ..	Cidomycin, Garamycin
Gentamicin sulphate eye drops .. ..	Garamycin
Kanamycin sulphate .. ..	Kanasig, Kantrex
Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin	Kaomycin
Ketoprofen capsules .. ..	Orudis
Lactulose .. ..	Duphalac
Mefenamic acid capsules .. ..	Ponstan
Methaqualone hydrochloride .. ..	Revonal, Melsedin
Methaqualone with diphenhydramine hydrochloride .. ..	Mandrax
Methicillin sodium .. ..	Celbenin
Methylamphetamine hydrochloride ..	
Methylphenidate hydrochloride ..	Ritalin
Neomycin for oral use .. ..	Mycifradin, Neomin
Penicillamine hydrochloride .. ..	Penicillamine
Pentazocine injection and tablets ..	Fortral
Quinidine bisulphate long-acting tablets ..	Kinidin Durules
Tetracosactrin .. ..	Synacthen
Tetracosactrin long-acting .. ..	Cortrosyn Depot, Synacthen Depot
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 1974**

Official Name	Trade Names
Amantadine hydrochloride .. ...	Symmetrel
Aminocaproic acid .. ..	Amicar
Amphotericin vials .. ..	Fungizone for Infusion
Aprotinin .. ..	Trasylol
Baclofen .. ..	Lioresal
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets and as injections not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff .. ..	Betnesol, Celestone
Carbenoxolone sodium .. ..	Biogastrone
Carbidopa with levodopa .. ..	Sinemet
Chloramphenicol .. ..	Chlomin, Chloramex, Chloro- mycetin
Chloramphenicol palmitate .. ..	Chloramex, Chloromycetin
Chloramphenicol sodium succinate injection	Chloromycetin Succinate in- jection
Chymotrypsin injection .. ..	Chymar, Chymo-Trypure Novo, Chymotase, Zonulysin, Zolyse
Clindamycin hydrochloride .. ..	Dalacin-C
Colistin and its salts and esters ..	Colymycin
Dexamethasone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff ..	Decadron, Dexacortisyl
Dipyridamole .. ..	Persantin
Dydrogesterone .. ..	Duphaston
Folinic acid .. ..	Leucovorin
Fusidic acid and its salts and esters (except gel and ointment) .. ..	Fucidin
Hydrocortisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff .. ..	Hydrocortisyl
Levodopa .. ..	Laradopa, Eldopar
Liquorice extract, dry, deglycyrrhizinized. compound tablets as approved by the Director-General .. ..	Caved-S
Methandriol .. ..	
Methotrexate .. ..	Amethopterin
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters	Medrol
Methysergide dimaleate .. ..	Deseril
Metirapone .. ..	Metopirone
Mitomycins .. ..	

Official Name	Trade Names
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General of Health .. .. .	Combizym, Cotazym, Cotazym B, Combizym Compositum, Viokase
Pentagastrin injection .. .. .	Peptavlon
Pimozide .. .. .	Orap
Potassium para-aminobenzoate .. .. .	Potaba
Prednisolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff ..	
Prednisolone pivalate .. .. .	
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate .. .. .	Resonium-A
Spectinomycin .. .. .	Trobicin
Thioguanine .. .. .	Lanvis
Thiopropazine mesylate .. .. .	Majeptil
Thiothixene oral concentrate and tablets 30 mg .. .. .	Navane
Triamcinolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff ..	Kenacort
Trifluoperidol hydrochloride .. .. .	Triperidol
Tropicamide eye drops .. .. .	Mydriacyl
Verapamil .. .. .	Isoptin

**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM RETAIL  
PHARMACIES ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A SPECIALIST  
AS AT 1 DECEMBER 1974**

Official Name	Trade Names
Adrenaline acid tartrate eye drops ..	Lyophrin
Adrenaline eye drops, neutral, B.P.C. ..	Eppy
Aminosalicilic acid, its salts and derivatives	
Amyl dimethyl aminobenzoate .. ..	Phiasol AS
Azathioprine .. ..	Imuran
Beclomethasone dipropionate cream exceed- ing 0.025 percent strength .. ..	Propaderm Forte
Busulphan .. ..	Myleran
Capreomycin injection .. ..	Caprocin
Carbachol eye drops .. ..	Isopto Carbachol
Chlorambucil .. ..	Leukeran
Chlorotrianisene .. ..	TACE
Cholestyramine resin .. ..	Cuemid, Questran
Clofibrate .. ..	Atromid-S
Clomiphene citrate .. ..	Clomid
Cyclophosphamide .. ..	Endoxan-Asta
Cycloserine .. ..	D-Cycloserine
Cytarabine .. ..	Cytosar
Demecarium bromide .. ..	Tosmilen
Dexamethasone as proprietary eye drops ..	Maxidex
Dexamethasone with neomycin sulphate and polymyxin B sulphate as proprietary eye drops .. ..	Maxitrol
Drostanolone propionate .. ..	Masteril
Ecothiopate iodide .. ..	Phospholine Iodide
Ethambutol .. ..	Myambutol
Ethionamide .. ..	Trescatyl
Ethionamide with isoniazid .. ..	Trescazide
Ethylestrenol .. ..	Orabolin
Eye preparations containing a cortico- steroid .. ..	Chlorocort, Hycor, Neo-Cortef, Neo-Hycor, Blephamide, Codelsol-N, Prednefrin Mild, Prednefrin Forte, Sofradex
Fluocinolone acetonide cream exceeding 0.025 percent strength .. ..	Synalar Forte
Fluorometholone .. ..	FML
Fluorometholone with neomycin sulphate	FML-Neo

Official Name	Trade Names
Fluorouracil topical preparations ..	Fluoroplex, Efudix
Fluorouracil injection .. ..	Fluorouracil
Fluoxymesterone .. ..	Androl, Halotestin, Ultandren
Fluphenazine decanoate .. ..	Modecate
Fluphenazine enanthate .. ..	Anatensol
Idoxuridine eye drops .. ..	Herplex, Stoxil
Isoniazid .. ..	
Isoniazid and aminosalicylic acid and its salts .. ..	
Laevo-adrenaline hydrochloride ..	Epifrin, Glaucon
Lithium carbonate .. ..	Camcolit, Lithicarb
Medroxyprogesterone acetate tablets exceeding 5 mg strength .. ..	Provera tablets 100 mg
Medrysone .. ..	H.M.S.
Melphalan .. ..	Alkeran
Mercaptopurine .. ..	Puri-Nethol
Mestanolone .. ..	
Mesterolone .. ..	Proviron
Methandienone .. ..	Dianabol
Mexenone .. ..	Uvistat
Mustine, its salts and derivatives ..	
Mustine-N-oxide hydrochloride ..	Nitromin
Nandrolone decanoate injection ..	Deca-Durabolin
Nandrolone phenylpropionate injection ..	Durabolin
Oxymetholone .. ..	Adroyd, Anapolon
Petrolatum red with titanium coated mica ointment .. ..	R.V. Plus
Polyestradiol phosphate .. ..	Estradurin
Procarbazine hydrochloride .. ..	Natulan
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. .. ..	
Sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, and magnesium chloride eye drops .. ..	Balanced Salt Solution
Sodium fluoride tablets exceeding 2.2 mg	
Stanolone .. ..	Anabolex

Official Name			Trade Names
Stilboestrol diphosphate	..	..	Honvan
Thiocarlide	..	..	Isoxyl
Thiotepa	..	..	
Vinblastine sulphate	..	..	Velbe
Vincristine sulphate	..	..	Oncovin
Viomycin and its salts	..	..	
Zinc oxide with 2-ethoxyethyl p-methoxy-			
cinnamate ointment	..	..	R.V. Paque

### USE OF RAUWOLFIA DERIVATIVES AND BREAST CANCER

Three articles published in the *Lancet* of 21 September 1974 present evidence suggesting an increased incidence of breast cancer in females treated for hypertension with Rauwolfia derivatives.

Certain features of these reports justify some doubt as to whether the relationship is meaningful or otherwise. These reports are sufficiently convincing, however, to recommend that Rauwolfia derivatives be used with caution in the treatment of hypertension in females, especially in view of the availability of a number of other well tried and effective preparations for alternative use.