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## CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 149

### TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS (Copy to Proprietors of Retail Pharmacies)

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### DRUG TARIFF 1974, AMENDMENT NO. 2: EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 1975

As amendments to the Drug Tariff are cumulative, Amendment No. 1 should be destroyed.

1. To be available from a retail pharmacy:

*Additions to the Tariff*

Dextropropoxyphene hydrochloride with paracetamol tablets (Digesic).  
Hexamine hippurate tablets (Hiprex).  
Hydroxocobalamin (Neocytamen 1000).

*Changed Availability*

Verapamil tablets (Isoptin tablets).

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

Amantadine hydrochloride (Symmetrel).  
Tropicamide eye drops (Mydriacyl).

3. To be available on a practitioner's supply order:

*Changed Availability*

Betamethasone disodium phosphate injection (Betnesol injection).

4. To be available from a hospital pharmacy:

*Additions to the Tariff*

Bumetanide injection and tablets (Burinex).

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

*Additions to the Tariff*

Prazosin hydrochloride tablets (Minipress).  
Tamoxifen citrate (Nolvadex).

*Changed Availability*

Frusemide infusion 250 mg and tablets 500 mg (Lasix).

#### 6. Deletions

The following have been deleted from the Drug Tariff:

Meclozine hydrochloride.  
Practolol (Eraldin).

#### 7. Change of Name

The following changed names are listed in the Tariff:

Bile, whole, desiccated, capsules—previously sodium tauroglycocholate.  
Dihydroergotoxine mesylate—previously Hydergine.  
Hexamine mandelate—previously methenamine mandelate.  
Triacetyloleandomycin—previously troleandomycin.

### HEXAMINE HIPPURATE (HIPREX) AND HEXAMINE MANDELATE (MANDELAMINE)

Hexamine hippurate is indicated mainly as a prophylactic agent in the management of patients with recurrent urinary tract infections. Its introduction should follow a curative course of an appropriate antibacterial drug with bacteriological documentation of cure. It may also be useful in the suppressive management of a urinary tract infection where for some reason the bacteria cannot be eradicated from an abnormal urinary tract. Because of their mode of action (formaldehyde liberated in bladder) the use of hexamine mandelate and hexamine hippurate as curative agents for the treatment of infections involving the upper urinary tracts is unsatisfactory. Both drugs are contra-indicated in the presence of renal functional impairment.

### INTRAVENOUS CORTICOSTEROID INJECTIONS

From 1 April the following injections will be available under the Drug Tariff when obtained from a retail pharmacy on a practitioners supply order form:

Betamethasone disodium phosphate (Betnesol).

Hydrocortisone sodium succinate (Efcortelan; Solu-Cortef as a part charge).

Dexamethasone sodium phosphate (Decadron) and methylprednisolone sodium succinate (Solu-Medrol) are also included in the Drug Tariff but with limited availability. These are relatively expensive, and in comparison with those more freely available, are not considered to possess any therapeutic advantage which would justify higher payment from public funds.

Yours faithfully,

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**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM  
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES WITHOUT FURTHER RESTRICTION  
AS AT 1 APRIL 1975**

Official Name	Trade Names
Amphetamine sulphate .. ..	
Attapulgit with neomycin sulphate .. ..	Atasorb-N
Beclamide .. ..	Nydrane
Bumetanide injection and tablets .. ..	Burinex
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 .. ..	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 APRIL 1975**

Official Name	Trade Names
Aminocaproic acid .. .. .	Amicar
Amphotericin vials .. .. .	Fungizone for Infusion
Aprotinin .. .. .	Trasylol
Baclofen .. .. .	Lioresal
Betamethasone disodium phosphate tablets	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
Frusemide infusion 250 mg and tablets 500 mg .. .. .	Lasix
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, deglycyrrhizinised compound tablets as approved by the Director-General .. .. .	Caved-S
Methandriol .. .. .	
Methotrexate .. .. .	Amethopterin
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters	Medrol Solu-Medrol
Methysergide dimaleate .. .. .	Deseril
Metirapone .. .. .	Metopirone
Mitomycins .. .. .	

Official Name

Trade Names

Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General ..	Combizym, Cotazym, Cotazym B, Combizym Compositum, Viokase
Pentagastrin injection .. ..	Peptavlon
Pimozide .. ..	Orap
Potassium para-aminobenzoate .. ..	Potaba
Prazosin hydrochloride .. ..	Minipress
Prednisolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff ..	
Prednisolone pivalate .. ..	
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate .. ..	Resonium-A
Spectinomycin .. ..	Trobicin
Tamoxifen citrate .. ..	Nolvadex
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
Verapamil injection .. ..	Isoptin

**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM RETAIL  
PHARMACIES ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A SPECIALIST  
AS AT 1 APRIL 1975**

Official Name	Trade Names
Adrenaline acid tartrate eye drops ..	Lyophrin
Adrenaline eye drops, neutral, B.P.C. ..	Eppy
Amantadine hydrochloride .. ..	Symmetrel
Aminosalicylic acid, its salts and derivatives	
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate .. ..	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

Official Name	Trade Names
Fluorometholone with neomycin sulphate	FML-Neo
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 aminosalicilyc acid and its salts .. ..	
Laevo-adrenaline hydrochloride ..	Epifrin, Glaucon
Lithium carbonate .. ..	Camcolit, Lithicarb
Medroxyprogesterone acetate tablets exceeding 5 mg strength .. ..	Provera tablets 100 mg
Medryson .. ..	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

Official Name	Trade Names
Sodium fluoride tablets exceeding 2.2 mg	
Stanolone .. .. .	Anabolex
Stilboestrol diphosphate .. .. .	Honvan
Thiocarlide .. .. .	Isoxyl
Thiotepa .. .. .	
Tropicamide eye drops .. .. .	Mydriacyl
Vinblastine sulphate .. .. .	Velbe
Vincristine sulphate .. .. .	Oncovin
Viomycin and its salts .. .. .	
Zinc oxide with 2-ethoxyethyl-p-methoxy- cinnamate ointment .. .. .	R.V. Paque