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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 15

TO ALL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS:

(Copy for information to contracting chemists.)

Dear Sir/Madam,

YET ANOTHER DRUG TARIFF!

Yes -- but one with a difference.

The 1960 edition of the Drug Tariff lists, in a single Schedule, all drugs and preparations which are a charge on the Fund. Any special conditions of supply are indicated alongside the name of each drug. There are explanations in Part I of the Schedule ("Definitions").

The list is in alphabetical order by official name, in short title. Trade names of drugs included for the first time appear in the *English Name Note* at the end of the Tariff; for convenience these are also listed below. All other code names will be found in the *Alphabetical List of Proprietary Preparations* issued last December.

Code References

A new feature is the Code Reference which appears against each item in the Schedule. We believe that the practice of marking prescriptions "N.P.", so that the name of the drug appears on the label, has much to commend it. If, however, the prescriber wishes to have the label marked with the code reference only, he should use the letters "C.R." instead.

The first letter of the code reference is the same as the first letter of the name of the drug (e.g., acetylsalicylic acid, acv; sulphathiazole, spg.).

If you write "N.P." or "C.R." on a prescription, please make it large and clear; otherwise it may be overlooked.

British National Formulary, 1960

This should be available in about three months' time. New items appearing in it have been included in the Schedule.

The *New Zealand Formulary* has been out of print for some time and is no longer regarded as official. Some of its more popular preparations will, however, be found in the Schedule.

Period of Supply

The restrictions on Extended Supplies as set out in Clinical Services Letter No. 14 (21 March) still continue in force.

It is hoped that it will soon be possible to revert to the position as stated in clause 22 of the Drug Tariff; but until further notice the situation remains unchanged.

ications for local use may be ordered on Extended Supplies, as necessary.
 clauses of special interest to practitioners are:
 Scope of Tariff. (Please note classes of materials excluded.)
 Allergy Treatment Sals.
 Intravenous Fluids.
 Medical Practitioner's Supply Order.

New Items in the Drug Tariff, 1960

Item	Uses	Availability
in sodium silicate with belladonna (Neutra-)	Antacid	.....
ne methanesulphonate (Coprostatin)	Parkinsonism	.....
suppositories (Dulcolax)	Laxative	.....
glycolylarsenilate (Miltis suppositories)	Amoebiasis, Trichomonal infections	.....
tosylate (Darenthin)	Hypotensive	Hospital board.
heophyllinate (Cholestyl)	Similar to aminophylline	.....
ane (Silcone)	Water-repellent	.....
erone (Sectatoron)	Progesterone-like	.....
to hydrochloride (Pipolam)	Analgesic	.....
idine (Hikamide)	Diuretic	.....
dicloide mixtures (Collison, Neo-Ferrum)	Anaemia	.....
fluoroquine sulphate (Fluopressil)	Malaria, Lupus erythematosus, Rheumatoid arthritis	.....
nate (Equanal, Mepaclean, Butown)	Tranquilliser	.....
"	Antimitotic	Hospital board (specialist).
ne phenylpropanone (Miltadil)	Anabolic	Hospital board (specialist).
rolene (Nilover)	Anabolic	Hospital board (specialist).
roptophonone (Frenacal)	Antimitotic	Hospital board (specialist).
lital tetranilate, dilute	Vasodilator	.....
hydrochloride (Meridin)	C.N.S. stimulant	.....
na hemisuccinate intravenous injection	Anaphylactic shock only	Limited to refund to a doctor.
edine	Similar to amphetamine	.....
trice A and B (Parovax)	Hypotensive	Hospital board.
idine and phenylalanine-methylpyridine hydro-		
chloride (Miltadil)	Sulphonamide	.....
anol (Oridil)	Sulphonamide	.....
o thiophosphoramide (Miltadepa)	Antimitotic	Hospital board (specialist).

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