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## CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 16

### TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy for information to contracting chemists)

Dear Sir/Madam,

### REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON EXTENDED SUPPLIES

The special restrictions on extended supplies which have been in force since 1 September will be revoked with effect from 1 July.

The position regarding period of supply will then be as stated in clause 22 of the Drug Tariff, viz:

- (a) Ordinary prescriptions: Up to seven days' supply, plus one similar "repeat".
- (b) Prescriptions endorsed "Extended supply . . . months": From one to three months' supply.

It should be noted that "one month's supply" means the quantity which the doctor considers will suffice for one month. It is permissible for the prescriber to order on a "month's supply" prescription a total quantity which, on the dosage stated, would only be sufficient for, say 21 days. "Extended supply, one month" does not necessarily mean that the drug is to be taken on every day in that month; and similarly with longer periods.

### DRUGS NOT INCLUDED IN DRUG TARIFF, 1960

Changes in the official publications (principally the *British Pharmaceutical Codex*) on which the Drug Tariff is based resulted in a number of omissions from the latest edition of the Drug Tariff (from 1 May). The more important omissions are listed overleaf.

should be noted that other salts of certain of these drugs are still available. For example, codeine itself has been omitted, but codeine phosphate is available, adding its various preparations.

pyrrolidine  
sodium and sod. benzoate  
sodium chloride\*  
sodium mandelate  
sodium phenobarbital  
sodium salicylate  
sodium sulphate\*  
sodium tartrate (green)  
quinine citrate  
gonadotropin (Gonadyl series)  
atropine\*  
hydrocyanic acid

Crushed linseed  
Oestradiol dipropionate  
Penicillamine hydrochloride (Estopen)  
Phenadoxone hydrochloride (Heptalgin)  
Potassium thiocyanate  
Salol  
Streptomycin hydrochloride\*  
Streptomycin-calcium chloride\*  
Sulphathiazole sodium\*  
Theobromine and sod. salicylate  
Tocopheryl acetate  
Wheat-germ oil

\*Other salts are still included (see above).

## MEDICAL PRACTITIONER'S SUPPLY ORDER FORM

Orders of these forms have been issued to all doctors known to be in active practice. Further supplies may be obtained from the local Medical Officer of Health.

Attention is invited to the notes printed on the cover sheet of the pad. These set out the purposes for which supplies may be obtained in this way.

Analgesic tablets, and other surgery supplies, not being for personal administration to patients, are not supplied to doctors at the cost of the Fund.

Yours faithfully,

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## ERRATUM

Clinical Services Letter No. 15 *Dianabol* was incorrectly given as a trade name for Nandrolone phenylpropionate. The trade name for this drug is *Durabolin*. *Dianabol* is a trade name for Methandienone (Methandrostenolone). Both preparations are available through hospital board (specialist).

## ADDITION TO DRUG TARIFF

methidine (Ismelin): Hospital Board.