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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 210

To Medical and Dental Practitioners
(Copy to Proprietors of Retail Pharmacies)

DRUG TARIFF 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 3: EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 1982

This Clinical Services Letter will be the only record most will have of the present changes to the Drug Tariff. As it is not a cumulative list it is suggested that this Letter, along with earlier Clinical Services Letters, should be retained for reference purposes.

1. To be available from a retail pharmacy:

Additions

Aspirin soluble tablets 500 mg (Solprin 500)
Betamethasone dipropionate scalp lotion (Diprosone)
Calcium carbonate with aminoacetic acid and dimethicone oral liquid (Titalac-Sil) (as a part-charge)
Danthron with poloxalkol capsules (Dorbanex capsules)
Hydrocortisone butyrate with chlorquinaldol cream and ointment (Locoid-C)

2. To be available from a retail pharmacy on the prescription or recommendation of an appropriate specialist:

Additions

Adrenaline not exceeding a strength of 0.5 percent with guanethidine sulphate eye drops (Ganda 1+0.2, 3+0.5 and 5+0.5)
Aminogluthethimide tablets (Cytadren)
Captopril tablets (Capoten)

3. To be available from a hospital pharmacy:

Additions

Buprenorphine hydrochloride sublingual tablets (Temgesic sublingual tablets)
Mecillinam injection (Selexid)

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4. To be available from a hospital pharmacy on the prescription or recommendation of an appropriate specialist, or on a practitioner's supply order:

Addition

Nefopam hydrochloride injection (Acupan)

Alteration

Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection (Temgesic injection)

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

Addition

Silver sulphadiazine with chlorhexidine digluconate cream (Silvazine)

6. Deletions from the Drug Tariff:

Ampicillin trihydrate capsules and syrup (Hiper, Penbritin)

Bendroflumazide with potassium chloride tablets (Neo-Naclex K, Pluryle K)

Catheter lubricants

Cyclopenthiiazide with guanethidine sulphate and potassium chloride tablets

Cyclopenthiiazide with potassium chloride tablets (Navidrex K)

Cyclopenthiiazide with reserpine and potassium chloride tablets (Navidrex-Serpasil K)

Lubricating jellies

Purified water

Rauwolfia (whole root) standardised and hydroflumethiazide with potassium chloride tablets (Rautrax Improved)

COST/EFFICACY REVIEW OF THERAPEUTIC GROUPS

The anti-inflammatory group of medicines will be reviewed by the Pharmacology and Therapeutics Advisory Committee when it meets on 21 April. Any comments received before that date will be referred to the committee.

INTENSIFIED ADVERSE DRUG REACTION REPORTING SCHEME

The following medicines are included in the scheme:

Captopril (Capoten)

Nifedipine (Adalat)

Sodium valproate (Epilim)

Sotalol hydrochloride (Sotacor)

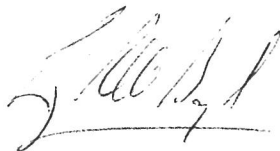
Tocainide hydrochloride (Tonocard)

Tocainide hydrochloride is a recent addition to the scheme, and is indicated in the treatment of ventricular arrhythmias. It should be used with caution in

patients with hepatic or renal disease and also in patients with uncompensated heart failure or who are receiving other anti-arrhythmic medicines. The latest data sheet for Tonocard has included fibrosing alveolitis, agranulocytosis, and neutropenia in its list of reported adverse reactions.



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