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Clinical Services Letter No. 41

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS:

Dear Doctor,

METHYLDOPA (ALDOMET)

The Minister of Health has given approval for methyldopa (Aldomet) to be in charge under the Drug Tariff when dispensed by chemists from 1 January 1965.

METRIC SYSTEM DOSAGE (10 ml DOSE VOLUME)

Due to the frequent prescribing of the 20 ml dose, the use of larger bottles has been phenomenal since the change-over to the metric system. In many cases the 10 ml dose volume would be adequate and would be more convenient for the patient.

LIGNOCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE (LIGMOX) (ELOCAIN)

A misprint on page 100 of the *British National Formulary* 1963 (14th edition) has been brought to notice. Line 4 of the paragraph concerning lignocaine hydrochloride should read "... concentrations of 0.25 to 1 per cent ...".

The total quantity of lignocaine administered should not exceed 200 mg or 500 µg, when adrenaline is added.

This is equivalent to:

Per cent	Without Adrenaline ml	With Adrenaline ml
0.25	30	20
0.5	40	10
1	20	5
2	10	2.5

AMENDMENTS TO THE N.Z. SUPPLEMENT TO THE B.N.F. 1963 AND 1963

Amendments to the *British National Formulary* 1963 have resulted in the following changes in the New Zealand Supplement:

1. *Mist. Chloral* (page 5) and

Elix. Chloral. pro Inf. B.N.F. 1963, (page 12)

Add: "When *Mist. Chloral. pro Inf.* is prescribed, *Mist. Chloral. pro Inf.* shall be dispensed."

2. *Mist. Pot. Cit. et Bellad. pro Inf.* B.N.F. 1963 (page 15)

Add: "When *Mist. Pot. Cit. et Bellad. pro Inf.* is prescribed, *Mist. Pot. Cit. et Bellad. pro Inf.* containing Belladonna Tincture, 0.1 ml in each 5 ml, shall be dispensed."

"When *Mist. Pot. Cit. pro Inf.* is prescribed, *Mist. Pot. Cit.* shall be dispensed."

Delete: *Mist. Pot. Cit. et Bellad. pro Inf.* 1963.

Caffeine citrate (caffeine still available)
 Camphor oil, rectified
 Carbon tetrachloride capsules
 Chenopodium oil
 Chondrus
 Coal tar and alkali lotion, B.N.F.
 Coal tar and lead lotion, B.N.F.
 Cocaine and mercuric chloride eye drops, oily, B.P.C.
 Codeine mixture for infants, B.N.F.
 Colophony ointment, B.P.C.
 Creosote
 Cyclobarbitone
 Dichloroxylenol
 Effervescent granules, B.P.C.
 Effervescent powder strong, compound, B.P.C.
 Evaporating lotion, B.N.F.
 Ferrous carbonate capsules, B.P.C.
 Ferrous carbonate pills, B.P.C.
 Ferrous carbonate tablets, B.P.C.
 Ferrous carbonate and arsenic tablets, B.P.C.
 Ferrous carbonate, saccharated, B.P.C.
 Ferrous iodide solution, B.P.C.
 Ferrous iodide syrup, B.P.C.
 Fuller's earth
 Geranium oil
 Hexobarbitone
 Hydrocarpus oil (esters still included)
 Iodine solution, simple, B.P.C.
 Iodine solution, strong, B.P.
 Ipecacuanha and ammonia mixture for infants, B.N.F.
 Lead lotion with opium, B.P.C.
 Lemon tincture, B.P.
 Magnesium oxide, heavy
 Meralluride
 Mercuric nitrate ointment, strong, B.P.C.
 Mercurous chloride
 Mercurous chloride tablets, B.P.C.
 Mercury ointment, compound, B.P.C.
 Mercury ointment, dilute, B.P.C.
 Mercury ointment, strong, B.P.C.
 Mercury, oleated, B.P.C.
 Mercury pill-mass, B.P.C.
 Mersalyl sodium (injection still available)
 Methylamphetamine (hydrochloride still available)
 Morphine tartrate
 Naphazoline eye drops, B.N.F.
 Nitrous ether spirit
 Penicillin eye drops, B.P.C.
 Penicillin eye ointment, B.N.F.

Eye drops of Zinc sulphate and adrenalin.

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Penicillin ointment, B.P.C.
 Pepsin
 Phenylmercuric acetate
 Pholcodine syrup, B.P.C.
 Potassium bromide mixture for infants, B.N.F.
 Potassium citrate mixture for infants, B.N.F.
 Procainamide sulphate
 Quassia infusion
 Quinine and urethane injection, B.P.C.
 Rhubarb infusion, B.P.C.
 Rhubarb tablets, compound, B.P.C.
 Salicylic acid paste with dithranol, B.N.F.
 Senna infusion
 Senna, confection of
 Senna mixture, compound, B.P.C.
 Sodium chloride injection, compound, B.N.F.
 Sodium citrotartrate effervescent granules, B.P.C.
 Sodium phosphate, anhydrous
 Spearmint water
 Strychnine (hydrochloride still available)
 Strychnine sulphate
 Sulphacetamide (sodium salt still available)
 Sulphapyridine
 Suprarenal cortex injection, B.P.C.
 Tar ointment, B.P.C.
 Terpineol
 Tolu liniment, B.P.C.
 Trichloroethylene vitellae, B.P.C.
 Trinitrophenol
 Zinc and ichthammol gelatin, B.P.C.

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