

8 October 1964.

Clinical Services Letter No. 47

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Dear Doctor,

DRUG TARIFF 1964: EFFECTIVE 15 NOVEMBER

Additions

Most additions with their proprietary names are listed on the last page of the enclosed copy of the Drug Tariff 1964.

Other additions include:

Cyclobarbitone calcium
Paracetamol elixir for infants, B.P.C.
Paracetamol powder

Alterations

(a) Ampicillin (Penbritin) and diazepam (Valium) will now be available through hospital board dispensaries without specialist approval. Please note that ampicillin is still very expensive.

(b) Materials at present allowed through a hospital board on the prescription of a dermatological or psychiatric specialist or tuberculosis officer will now be available through a hospital board on the prescription or recommendation of any specialist.

(c) Corticosteroid intravenous injections at present allowed in cases of anaphylactic shock only will now be allowed in cases of any acute emergency or for pre-operative use. Payment is made to the practitioner solely after use in a particular case.

(d) Change of official name:

Tretamine, formerly triethanmelamine.

Deletions

All items listed in Clinical Services Letter No. 44 have been deleted from the Drug Tariff with the exception of the following:

Kenacomb cream and ointment
Potassium citrate mixture for infants, B.N.F.
Sulphapyridine

Compounded preparations may be ordered provided that the formula is written in full and the ingredients are still included in the Drug Tariff.

P.T.O.

Substitutions

Your attention is drawn to subclause (3) of clause 4 of the Drug Tariff. If a trade name is specified that particular preparation must be supplied.

Topical Corticosteroids

From 1 November there will be a substantial reduction in the amount paid by the patient for Betnovate, Drenison, Kenacort-A, Ledercort, Synalar, and Synandone preparations with or without neomycin. Existing special approvals under section 31 for these items will be cancelled when the current prescription expires.

Anticholinergics


Two long-acting anticholinergics, isopropamide iodide (Tyrimide) and oxyphen-cyclimine hydrochloride (Daricon), have been included in the Drug Tariff. (From 15 November.)

From 15 November Probanthine tablets will be subject to a part-charge to the patient.

Yours faithfully,



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