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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER No. 56

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy for information to Chemists)

Dear Doctor,

DRUG TARIFF 1964, AMENDMENT No. 3: EFFECTIVE  
1 DECEMBER 1965

*Additions*

Most additions with their proprietary names are listed on the last page of the amendment.

Other additions include:

- Liquor Carbonis Detergens (part charge).
- Trasylol (Hospital Board—specialist).
- Trichomycin (except oral tablets).
- Vasopressin nasal spray.

*Alterations*

(a) The following will be available through chemists:

Griseofulvin (Fulcin Forte, Grisovin-FP), thiethylperazine dimaleate (Torecan).

(b) The following will be available through chemists on the prescription of an ophthalmological specialist, or a dermatological specialist:

Idoxuridine (Stoxil).

(c) The following will be available through hospital board dispensaries without specialist approval:

Clorexolone (Nefrolan), frusemide (Lasix), indomethacin (Indocid), triamterene (Dytac).

EXTENDED SUPPLIES OF ANTIBIOTICS AND PENICILLIN

When extended supplies of antibiotics (including penicillin) are ordered, no more than one month's supply may be dispensed at a time. Payment under the Drug Tariff cannot be made for two or three months' supply if dispensed "all at once".

ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

Some confusion appears to have arisen from the paragraph under this heading in Clinical Services Letter No. 53. The position is:

- (a) Drugs intended for oral contraception are not available as a charge on public funds in any circumstances.
- (b) If the drug is intended for treatment the prescription must be endorsed with the words "approved condition".

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(c) In the following list drugs available through chemists are marked with an asterisk; the remainder are available free of charge only through hospital board dispensaries. All require endorsement if intended for treatment.

Ethinylloestradiol with megestrol acetate (Ovisec, Volidan).

Ethinodiol diacetate with mestranol (Metrulen,\* Metrulen-M,\* Ovulen).

Lynestrenol with methoxyethinylloestradiol (Lyndiol, Noracyclin).

Medroxyprogesterone acetate (Provera\*).

Mestranol with chlormadinone acetate (Sequens).

Norethisterone (Primolut - N\*).

Norethisterone acetate (Norlutin - A\*).

Norethisterone acetate with ethinylloestradiol (Anovlar 21, Gynovlar 21, Norlestrin).

Norethynodrel and mestranol (Conovid, Conovid-E, Enavid,\* Previson).

\*Available through chemists.

#### PART CHARGES

From 1 December 1965 the following preparations will be a part charge on public funds:

Part Charge on Public Funds  
Betnovate - C, Locorten with Vioform,  
Remiderm and Synalar with chionoform

Alternative Preparation (Full Charge)  
Hydrocortisone with clioquinol  
(iodochlorhydroxyquinoline) ex-  
temporaneously prepared prepa-  
rations.

Liquor carbonis detergens .....  
Androphyllin tablets .....  
Aludrox tablets and Amphotabs .....

Liquor picis carb.  
Aminophyllin tablets, enteric coated.  
Other antacid tablets.

Other antacid tablets which are still a full charge under the Drug Tariff are:

Act-Al, Almacarb, Collumina, Cremorin, Gastrobrom, Gastrogel, Gelusil,  
Neutradonna, Neutrasil, Nulacin and Titalac.

The part charge on Betnovate-C, Locorten with Vioform, Remiderm, and Synalar with chionoform, is intended to discourage their indiscriminate use. These preparations are of special value in certain conditions. If they were a full charge they would be liable to be used in circumstances when a less expensive application would be equally effective.

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