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Clinical Services Letter No. 60

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy to chemists)

Dear Doctor,

ORAL PREPARATIONS OF ANTIBIOTICS

Antibiotic preparations for oral administration in liquid form are relatively expensive. They may cost as much as 60 per cent more than the corresponding dose in tablets or capsules. For older children and adults the latter should therefore be prescribed in preference.

Particulars of the principal standard packs (including costs to public funds) are given overleaf.

● In future, if a quantity other than those stated in this list is ordered, the next smaller pack will be dispensed.

● These preparations are best ordered by official name, as not all brands are available in the packs listed.

Until now, the prescribing of quantities not corresponding to the standard pack has often led to waste, when chemists dispensed the exact quantity ordered. The Medical Services Advisory Committee* consider that such waste is unjustifiable, and have approved the arrangement set out above.

Yours faithfully,

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*Information about this Committee was given in Clinical Services letter No. 54, dated 8 September 1965.
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Approved Names	Strength	Pack	*Cost to Public Funds		Trade Names
			per pack	s. d.	
Benzathine penicillin	... 300,000 u per 5 ml	50 ml	17	0	Penidural
		60 ml	18	6	Permapen
Benzylpenicillin, pot. salt	... 125 mg per 5 ml	80 ml	9	3	Crystapen G.
Phenoxymethylpenicillin, salt	calc. 20 mg per ml	100 ml	11	9	Calcipen Leo
hydrabamine salt	... 125 mg per 5 ml	80 ml	11	0	Compocillin V
pot. salt	... 62.5 mg per 5 ml	80 ml	6	9	Crystapen VK, D.Q.V-K
	125 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	8	9	Compocillin V-K, D.Q.V-K
		80 ml	11	0	Compocillin V-K, Crystapen VK, D.Q.V-K, V-Cil-K
		120 ml	16	0	D.Q.V-K
	250 mg per 5 ml	80 ml	20	0	Crystapen VK, D.Q.V-K
		120 ml	28	9	D.Q.V-K
Erythromycin estolate	... 125 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	16	6	Ilosone
	250 mg per 5 ml	80 ml	21	9	Eromycin, Ilosone
Erythromycin ethyl carbonate	100 mg per 5 ml	80 ml	43	6	Ilosone
Erythromycin ethyl succinate	... 200 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	16	6	Ilotycin
		60 ml	26	3	Erythrocin
		80 ml	35	0	Erythrocin
Erythromycin stearate	... 200 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	26	3	Erythrocin
Spiramycin	... 125 mg per 5 ml	120 ml	15	3	Rovamycin
Demethylchlortetracycline	... 75 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	11	0	Ledermycin
Oxytetracycline	... 125 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	11	0	Terramycin
Tetracycline with glucosamine...	125 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	11	0	Tetracyn with glucosamine
Tetracycline and pot. metaphos.	25 mg and 20 mg per ml	60 ml	11	0	Panmycin KM
		80 ml	14	9	Panmycin KM
Tetracycline hydrochloride	... 125 mg per 5 ml	2 fl. oz.	11	0	Achromycin
	250 mg per 5 ml	40 ml	14	9	Hostacycline
Tetracycline phosphate complex	125 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	11	0	Hostacycline P
		80 ml	14	9	Tetrex
Tetracycline V	... 125 mg per 5 ml	2 fl. oz.	11	0	Achromycin V
Tetracycline V and amphotericin B	125 mg and 25 mg per 5 ml	60 ml	11	0	Mysteclin V improved
		80 ml	14	9	Mysteclin V improved

*Dispensing fee of 1s. and average container charge of 5d. per prescription not included. See Clinical Services Letter No. 49 of 7 December 1964.