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Clinical Services Letter No. 75

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Dear Doctor,

**DRUG TARIFF 1967, AMENDMENT NO. 1:
EFFECTIVE 1 DECEMBER 1967**

Additions and Deletions

Most additions and deletions are listed in the Explanatory Note at the back of the amendment.

Payment will be made for chymotrypsin injection when prescribed or recommended by an ophthalmological specialist.

Alterations

- (a) To be available from chemists:

Diphenoxylate hydrochloride with atropine sulphate (Lomotil)

- (b) To be available from hospital boards, only on the recommendation of a specialist:

Fusidic acid and its salts and esters (Fucidin)

- (c) Change of name:

Benzoyl peroxide with chlorhydroxyquinoline now listed as halquinol with benzoyl peroxide.

- (d) Local anaesthetics listed in the Drug Tariff will not be restricted.

- (e) Clauses 25 and 27 have been amended to correct errors made when the Drug Tariff was reprinted.

Those drugs which are restricted to hospital board supply may not be obtained on a medical practitioner's supply order.

For therapeutic reasons payment for preparations for which either the restriction "antibiotic restriction" or "penicillin restriction" applies is limited to seven days treatment, inclusive of a repeat, if any. Antibiotic therapy should be reviewed and changed if results have not been achieved after a short course.

CHLORAMPHENICOL: PRICE REDUCTION

Brands of chloramphenicol other than Chloromycetin are now available at a reduced price. The price for Chloromycetin has been reduced, but not sufficiently to avoid a part charge to the patient from 1 December 1967. Part charges will be avoided if the drug is prescribed by official name.

**PENICILLIN (TABLETS AND CAPSULES) AND PHENYL-
BUTAZONE TABLETS**

For a short period, some brands may be subject to a part charge. It is therefore advisable to prescribe by official name.

Yours faithfully,

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