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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 82
TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
(Copy to chemists)

Dear Doctor,

PROPOSED DELETIONS FROM THE DRUG TARIFF

As a result of changes made in the new editions of the *British Pharmacopoeia*, the *British Pharmaceutical Codex* and the *British National Formulary* the following will probably be deleted from the Drug Tariff from 1 April 1969. Compounded preparations may still be ordered provided that the formula is written in full and the ingredients are still included in the Drug Tariff.

Acetylsalicylic acid mixture, B.N.F.
Acetylsalicylic acid mixture for infants,
B.N.F.
Acriflavine
Ammonium bromide
Arsenic trioxide
Arsenical solution
Barbitone
Bismuth glycolylarsanilate (Milibis)
Bismuth oxychloride
Bismuth sodium tartrate
Boric talc dusting powder, B.P.C.
Buffered cream, B.N.F.
Calcium glycerophosphate
Calcium hypophosphite
Carbarsone (Leucarsone)
Cascara tablets, compound, B.P.C.
Chiniofon sodium
Chloral and potassium bromide mixture
for infants, B.N.F.
Chloroform emulsion, B.P.C.
Cinchona
Cocaine and homatropine lamellae,
B.P.C.
Colocynth
Colocynth and jalap tablets, compound,
B.P.C.

Colocynth extract, compound, B.P.C.
Colocynth pills, compound, B.P.C.
Cyclocoumarol
Diethazine hydrochloride
Ferric chloride gargle, B.N.F.
Gall
Gall and opium ointment, B.P.C.
Glucose liquid
Glucose syrup
Glycerophosphates syrup, compound,
B.P.C.
Glycerophosphoric acid
Hydnocarpus oil ethyl esters
Hypophosphites syrup, compound,
B.P.C.
Hypophosphorous acid
Hypophosphorous acid, dilute, B.P.C.
Ipecacuanha mixture, alkaline, B.P.C.
Ipomoea resin
Jalap resin
Lactic acid irrigation, B.P.C.
Lard
Leptazol
Linseed oil
Magnesium glycerophosphate
Manganese hypophosphite
Menaphthone

Mepacrine methanesulphonate	Quinine
Mercury	Quinine solution, ammoniated, B.P.C.
Methylphenobarbitone (Prominal)	Rhubarb pills, compound, B.P.C.
Nasal solution-tablets, alkaline, B.P.C.	Salicylic acid dusting powder, compound, B.P.C.
Neoarsphenamine (Novarsenobillon)	Santonin
Nux vomica extract, dry, B.P.C.	Shellac
Opium tincture, camphorated, concentrated, B.P.C.	Soap, curd
Oxophenarsine hydrochloride	Soap, hard
Papaverine sulphate	Sodium glycerophosphate solution, B.P.C.
Paraffin, liquid, light	Sodium hypophosphite
Peppermint emulsion, B.P.C.	Starch glycerin, B.P.C.
Phenylglutarimide hydrochloride (Aturbane)	Stramonium extract, dry, B.P.C.
Phenol alkaline mouthwash, B.N.F.	Stramonium tablets, B.P.C.
Phentolamine hydrochloride	Strychnine mixture, B.N.F.
Phenylethyl alcohol	Strychnine and iron mixture, B.N.F.
Pholcodine tartrate	Strychnine hydrochloride solution, B.P.C.
Phosphoric acid, dilute, B.P.	Sulphan blue solution, B.P.C.
Picrotoxin	Sulphan blue solution with tartrazine, B.P.C.
Pipamazine	Sulphasomidine
Piperoxane hydrochloride	Tetrachloroethylene draught, B.N.F.
Pipradrol hydrochloride (Gerodyl)	Thymol solution-tablets, compound, B.P.C.
Potassium bromide mixture, B.N.F.	Tripelennamine hydrochloride
Potassium bromide and chloral mixture, B.P.C.	Turpentine enema, B.P.C.
Potassium bromide and nux vomica mixture, B.N.F.	Urethane
Potassium bromide and phenobarbitone mixture, N.Z.F. 1953	Valerian extract, liquid, B.P.C.
Potassium bromide and valerian mixture, B.N.F.	Valerian infusion
Potassium glycerophosphate solution, B.P.C.	Valerian tincture, ammoniated, B.P.C.
Potassium hypophosphite	Zinc dusting powder, compound, B.P.C.

QUANTITY TO BE DISPENSED

When the total quantity to be dispensed is not stated in a prescription, the chemist works it out from the dose and period of supply. The doctor may not have intended the full dosage to be taken throughout, so a smaller quantity might have sufficed. This is usual, for example, with hypnotics.

It is good practice to state the total quantity to be dispensed in every prescription.


(The Poisons Regulations 1964 require that prescriptions for prescription poisons and restricted drugs indicate the total amount to be dispensed. The majority of prescriptions fall into this category.)

MISUSE OF CODE OR CYPHER

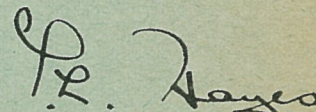
The use in prescriptions of an unofficial abbreviation, instead of a recognised name for a drug, may lead to delay or error. (For example, "B.T.Z.", "I.N.K.", "C.T.M.", for Butazolidin, Ismelin-Navidrex K, Chlortrimeton.)

This practice also is contrary to the Poisons Regulations 1964 in the case of prescription poisons and restricted drugs and contrary to the Narcotics Regulations 1966 in the case of narcotics.

Yours faithfully,



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LONG-TERM LOCUMS, CENTRAL OTAGO

Dr R. B. G. Cook, Clyde, would like to hear from doctors interested in the following locum appointments, for about 18 months:

- (1) SURGEON at Clyde and Cromwell Hospitals. About 20 hours weekly. Salary as fixed by grading committee. SUPERINTENDENT to Clyde and Cromwell Hospitals. About 10 hours weekly if approved by the Vincent Hospital Board.

The hospitals together have an average occupied bed state in the general wards of 37, of which half are surgical.

Laboratory technician and physiotherapist employed. X-Ray facilities good. Furnished house available at Clyde or unfurnished house at Cromwell.

- (2) Combined with the above or separate. GENERAL PRACTICE based on Alexandra. Two practitioners at present serving 6,000 people. A third practitioner is being sought and the locum could probably remain in permanent practice. Help available with obstetrics at Clyde maternity ward while gaining experience. This locum is for one of the established practices.