

19 March 1969.

CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 85
TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
(Copy for information to chemists)

Dear Doctor,

DRUG TARIFF 1967, AMENDMENT NO. 5: EFFECTIVE
1 APRIL 1969

Most additions with their proprietary names are listed in the explanatory note at the back of the amendment.

The following will be available from retail pharmacies without further restriction:
Haloperidol (Serenace)

Prednisolone stearoylglycolate (Sintisone)

1,2-Propanediol diacetate with acetic acid and benzethonium chloride (Vosol).

This amendment also gives effect to alterations brought about by the introduction of the 1968 editions of the British Pharmacopoeia, the British Pharmaceutical Codex and the British National Formulary.

The items which have been deleted as a result were listed in Clinical Services Letter No. 82 with the exception of glycerophosphates syrup, compound, B.P.C. and phenglutarimide hydrochloride.

Some new formulae have been added to the Drug Tariff. There are also some changes in title, but of a technical nature only. Items affected are marked with an asterisk in the amendment.

LIST OF DRUG MANUFACTURERS

An important amendment to clause 3 enables control to be kept on the brands of drugs for which payment is made under the Drug Tariff. Part III of the schedule to the Tariff lists all manufacturers for whose products payment will be made. Payment will also be made for items manufactured by Protea Pharmaceuticals Pty. Ltd., Australia and Orbit Chemicals, Australia.

BECOSYM INJECTION

From 1 April 1969 payment will be made for Becosym injection when obtained on the bulk supply order of a licensed hospital.

PART CHARGES

Tofranil

We regret that doctors were not advised at an earlier date that a part charge now applies to Tofranil tablets. This is because another brand of imipramine tablets is available at a lower cost.

Furadantin

From 1 April 1969 there will be a part charge on Furadantin brand of nitrofurantoin tablets 50mg as there is another brand available at a lower cost.

TELEPHONED PRESCRIPTIONS

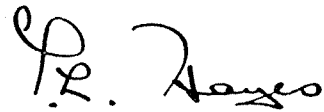
On 5 December 1966 the Director-General of Health sent a circular letter to medical practitioners concerning telephoned prescriptions. It was pointed out that it is the prescriber's responsibility to supply written confirmation of a telephoned prescription to the chemist as soon as possible. The majority of drugs prescribed are in fact either prescription poisons or restricted drugs.

We have received complaints that, in some cases, there have been long delays in the return of signed telephoned prescriptions. This places an unfair responsibility on the pharmacist, and also results in delayed payment for the drugs which have been dispensed.

Yours faithfully,



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Director,



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Division of Clinical Services.

GOLDEN BAY COUNTY GENERAL PRACTITIONER

A modern four bedroom house with new surgery separate from the house but on the same double section is offered for renting to a doctor prepared to set up full time practice in Takaka. A local doctor is available for relieving duties as required.

Golden Bay is in the Nelson Province and enjoys a warm sunny climate. Among its many attractions are fine safe sandy beaches, its proximity to the Abel Tasman National Park, good fishing and other outdoor recreations. The district also has an active Community Arts Group and art, pottery, spinning and drama groups.

For further information on the district and the prospects for establishing a practice, write to the County Clerk, Golden Bay County Council, P.O. Box 74, Takaka.