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## CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 86

### TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy for information to retail pharmacists)

Dear Doctor,

### ORAL PREPARATIONS OF ANTIBIOTICS

This letter brings up to date the information contained in Clinical Services Letter No. 60.

Antibiotic preparations for oral administration are now even more expensive than the corresponding dose in tablets or capsules, as since March 1966 there have been considerable reductions in prices charged for tablets and capsules. Similar reductions have not been made for the liquid forms.

Particulars of the principal standard packs, including the retail prices, are given over-leaf. No dispensing fees, container charges, or discounts are indicated in these prices.

Where there is a bulk dispensing pack, payment is based on this pack and is made for the actual quantity prescribed. In other instances, however, if a quantity other than those stated in this list is ordered, payment continues to be made for the next smaller pack. If neither a dispensing pack nor a smaller pack is marketed, payment is made for the next largest standard pack. It should be noted, however, that in these cases only the amount prescribed should be dispensed as to dispense more than the prescribed quantity is a breach of the poisons legislation.

Payment may be made for a supply for 7 days treatment, plus a repeat for 7 days where necessary, in the case of drugs to which the restriction "penicillin restriction" applies. In the case of drugs to which the restriction "antibiotic restriction" applies, payment may only be made for 7 days supply, inclusive of a repeat.

It is noted that many doctors write "... days supply" rather than the actual quantity wanted. In the case of all prescriptions the actual quantity required should be stated.

Yours faithfully,



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*Correction to Therapeutic Notes No. 89—This article replaces Therapeutic Notes No. 67 only.*

Approved Names	Strength Per 5 ml	Pack	Retail Value Per Pack \$	Trade Names
Ampicillin	125mg	60ml	1.49	Penbritin
Chloramphenicol palmitate	125mg per 4ml	60ml		Chloramex
	125mg	100ml	1.91	Chloromycetin
Chloramphenicol stearate	125mg	60ml	0.68	Kemiceline
Erythromycin estolate	125mg	80ml	2.06	Eromycin, Ilosone
		500ml	12.73	Eromycin, Ilosone
	250mg	80ml	3.92	Eromycin, Ilosone
		500ml	24.21	Eromycin, Ilosone
Erythromycin ethyl carbonate	100mg	60ml	1.37	Ilotycin
Erythromycin ethyl succinate	125mg	80ml	2.05	Erythrocin
		140ml	3.41	Erythrocin
	200mg	80ml	3.15	Erythrocin
Benzathine penicillin	150,000u.	120ml	1.49	Penidural
	300,000u.	60ml	1.65	Permapen
		80ml	2.09	Permapen
		120ml	2.67	Penidural
Phenoxymethylpenicillin, calcium salt	100mg	100ml	1.22	Calcipen
Phenoxymethylpenicillin, hydra- bamine salt	125mg	80ml	1.10	Compocillin V
		140ml	1.83	Compocillin V
		500ml	6.50	Compocillin V
	250mg	80ml	2.00	Compocillin V
		140ml	3.30	Compocillin V
		500ml	11.78	Compocillin V
Phenoxymethylpenicillin, potassium salt	62.5mg	80ml	0.68	Crystapen-VK, D.Q.V-K
	125mg	80ml	1.10	Compocillin V-K, Crystapen-VK, D.Q.V-K
		100ml	1.39	D.Q.V-K
		120ml	1.68	D.Q.V-K
		140ml	1.80	Crystapen-VK, D.Q.V-K
	250mg	80ml	2.00	Compocillin V-K, Crystapen-VK, D.Q.V-K
		120ml	2.88	D.Q.V-K
		140ml	3.30	Crystapen-VK, D.Q.V-K
Spiramycin	125mg	120ml	1.58	Rovamycin
Demethylchlortetracycline chloride	75mg	80ml	1.11	Ledermycin
Oxytetracycline	125mg	60ml	0.80	Imperacin, Terramycin
		80ml	1.19	Terramycin
		100ml	1.31	Imperacin, Ossitetra
		480ml	6.35	Terramycin
Tetracycline	125mg	80ml	1.11	Achromycin

Approved Names	Strength Per 5 ml	Pack	Retail Value Per Pack \$	Trade Names
Tetracycline hydrochloride .....	125mg	60ml	0.80	Tetracyn
Tetracycline hydrochloride, buf- fered .....	125mg	80ml	1.11	Achromycin V
Tetracycline hydrochloride, buf- fered with amphotericin B .....	125mg	480ml	7.09	Mysteclin-V
Tetracycline phosphate, buffered .....	125mg	80ml	1.16	Panmycin KM
		80ml	1.07	Tetrex
		454ml	6.51	Panmycin KM
		480ml	6.88	Hostacycline P
		80ml	1.80	TAO
Triacetyloleandomycin .....	125mg	480ml	10.64	TAO