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CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 87

TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

(Copy for information to retail pharmacists)

Dear Doctor,

**DRUG TARIFF 1967, AMENDMENT NO. 6:
EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 1969**

Additions

Most additions with their proprietary names are listed at the end of the amendment.

Alterations

(a) Mefenamic acid capsules (Ponstan) will only be available from hospital dispensaries on the recommendation of a specialist. Repeat supplies ordered before 25 July 1969 may be obtained from retail pharmacies.

(b) Subclause (5) of clause 25 of the Tariff (see clause 7 of the amendment) has been amended so that *if a doctor requires a quantity greater than 1 month's supply to be dispensed at one time, the special reasons must be stated by the prescriber*. In addition, preparations to which the restriction "penicillin restriction" or "antibiotic restriction" applies may be dispensed in greater than monthly lots where necessary.

PREPARATIONS AVAILABLE FROM HOSPITAL DISPENSARIES

Those preparations available from hospital dispensaries only are listed at the end of this letter. It is intended to publish an up-to-date list every 4 months.

PART CHARGE: FURADANTIN TABLETS 100mg

These tablets will be a part charge from 1 August 1969. A charge to the patient for these tablets, and repeat supplies, would be avoided by prescribing by official name. (Nitrofurantoin.)

WRITING OF PRESCRIPTIONS

Our attention is continually brought to badly written prescriptions. In some cases patients are receiving a completely different treatment to that prescribed, e.g., Avomine instead of Anovlar tablets. Some errors could be overcome if the form of presentation required were stated on the prescription, e.g., tablets, capsules, etc.

With the increasing number of brand names being introduced, and the similarity in many of these names, it would be preferable *if the name of the drug were printed*. This could avoid many errors, particularly with new names with which the pharmacist might not be familiar.

LABELLING OF PEDIATRIC MIXTURES

It is considered preferable that the standard dose volumes, 5ml and 10ml, be used at all times, and most mixtures can be diluted. It is realised, however, that there are a few proprietary mixtures which cannot be diluted and a dose volume of 2.5ml is used.

Our attention has been drawn to a case where a mother interpreted "2.5ml" to be two 5ml spoonfuls which resulted in the child being given four times the prescribed dose. This could possibly have been overcome by using "2½ml" instead of "2.5ml". If it is necessary for a 2.5ml dose volume to be prescribed would the prescriber and the pharmacist point out the correct dosage.

Yours faithfully,

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**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES WITHOUT FURTHER
RESTRICTION AS AT 1 AUGUST 1969**

Official Name	Trade Names
Attapulgit with neomycin sulphate and citrus pectin	Atasorb-N
Calcium glucono-galacto-gluconate	Calcium Sandoz Effervescent
Desferrioxamine B mesylate	Desferal
Diloxanide furoate	Furamide
Framycetin sulphate	Framygen, Soframycin
Framycetin sulphate with kaolin	Enterfram
Gentamicin sulphate injection	Cidomycin, Garamycin
Kanamycin sulphate	Kanasig, Kantrex
Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin	Kaomycin
Methallenoestril	Vallestril
Neomycin for oral use	Mycifradin, Neomin
Novobiocin	Albamycin, Cathomycin
Paromomycin sulphate	Humatin
Penicillamine hydrochloride	Penicillamine
Thiambutosine	Ciba 1906

**DRUGS AVAILABLE UNDER THE DRUG TARIFF FROM
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A
SPECIALIST AS AT 1 AUGUST 1969**

Official Name	Trade Names
Aminocaproic acid	Amicar
Azathioprine	Imuran
b-Naphthyl-di (2-chloropropyl)-amine with urethane	R 151 with Urethane
Beclamide	Nydrane
Benzylpenicillin sodium salt, purified	Purapen
Betamethasone and its salts as tablets and as injections not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Betnesol, Celestone
Busulphan	Myleran
Butaperazine	Randolectil
Carbamazepine	Tegretol
Carbenoxolone sodium	Biogastrone
Cephaloridine	Ceporan
Chlorambucil	Leukeran
Chlorotrianisene	TACE
Chymotrypsin	Chymar, Chymo-Trypore Novo, Zonulysin
Clofibrate	Atromid S
Clomiphene citrate (O. and G. specialist)	Clomid
Cloxacillin sodium	Orbenin
Colistin and its salts and esters	Colymycin
Corticotrophin	Acthar
Corticotrophin, long acting	Cortico-Gel, Cortrophin ZN. H.P. Acthar Gel
Cortisone acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	Cortelan, Cortidren, Cortisyl
Cyclophosphamide	Endoxan-Asta

Official Name						Trade Names
Cycloserine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	D-Cycloserine
Demecolcine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Colcemid
Dexamethasone and its salts and esters not included else- where in the Drug Tariff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Decadron, Dexacortisyl
Drostanolone propionate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Masteril
Dydrogesterone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Duphaston
Echothiophate iodide	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Phospholine iodide
Ethambutol	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Myambutol
Ethionamide	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Trescatyl
Ethionamide and isoniazid	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Trescazide
Ethylestrenol	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Orabolin
Fludrocortisone and its esters	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Florinef
Fluorouracil sodium	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fluoro-Uracil
Fluoxymesterone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Halotestin, Ultandren
Fluphenazine enanthate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Anatensol
Folinic acid	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Leucovorin
Fusidic acid and its salts and esters	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fucidin
Hydrocortisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hydrocortisyl
Isoniazid	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pycazide
Isoniazid with aminosalicic acid and its salts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Inapasade, Pasinah, Pasinah D, Pasinah 302, Pycamisan, Pycamisan B.D., Pycasix
Lincomycin hydrochloride	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lincocin
Lithium carbonate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Camcolit
Mannomustine dihydrochloride	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Degranol
Medroxyprogesterone acetate tablets exceeding 5mg strength	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Provera
Melphalan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Alkeran
Mercaptopurine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Puri-Nethol
Mestanolone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Androstatone
Methandienone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dianabol
Methicillin sodium	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Celbenin
Methotrexate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Amethopterin
Methylandrostenediol	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Medrol
Methylprednisolone and its salts and esters	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Deseril
Methysergide dimaleate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Metopirone
Metyrapone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mitomycins	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mustine, its salts and derivatives	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Trillekamin
Nandrolone decanoate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Deca-Durabolin
Nandrolone phenylpropionate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Durabolin
Nialamide	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Niamid
Nitrogen mustard N-oxide	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nitromin
Norethandrolone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nilevar
Oxymesterone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Oranabol
Pancreatin proprietary preparations as approved by the Director-General of Health	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Combizym, Cotazym, Cotazym B
Para-aminosalicylic acid and its salts and derivatives	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frenantol
Paraoxypropiophenone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Tebanyl
Phenyl-para-aminosalicylate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Official Name	Trade Names
Polyestradiol phosphate	Estradurin
Potassium para-aminobenzoate	Potaba
Prednisolone and its salts and esters not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	
Prednisone and its acetate not included elsewhere in the Drug Tariff	
Procarbazine hydrochloride	Natulan
Promanide	
Propranolol hydrochloride	Inderal
Prothionamide	Trevintix
Pyrazinamide	
Quinestradiol	Pentovis
Quinidine bisulphate long acting tablets	Kinidin Durules
Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid cachets, B.N.F.	
Sodium aminosalicylate and isoniazid granules, B.N.F.	
Sodium polystyrene sulphonate	Resonium-A
Spironolactone	Aldactone-A
Stanolone	Anabolex
Stilboestrol diphosphate	Honvan
Streptonicozid	
Sulfoxone sodium	
Tetracosactide	Synacthen
Tetracosactrin long acting	Synacthen Depot
Thiocarlide	Isoxyl
Thiopropazine mesylate	Majeptil
Tranlycypromine sulphate	Parnate
Trasyol	
Tretamine	Trenimon
Triamcinolone and its salts and esters not included else- where in the Drug Tariff	Kenacort, Lederkort
Triaziquone	Trenimon
Triethylene thiophosphoramide	Thio-Tepa
Trimethoprim with sulphamethoxazole tablets	Bactrim, Septrin
Trimustine	
Vinblastine sulphate	Velbe
Vincristine sulphate	Oncovin
Viomycin and its salts	Vionactane