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New Zealand
Pharmaceutical Schedule

Section H Update

for Hospital Pharmaceuticals

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The logo for PHARMAC, featuring the word "PHARMAC" in a bold, uppercase, sans-serif font, with "TE PĀTAKA WHAIORANGA" in a smaller, uppercase, sans-serif font below it. The logo is centered within a white circle that overlaps a background of white wavy lines on a grey background.

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Summary of decisions

EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 2024

- Amino acid formula (Neocate SYNEO) powder 13 g protein, 49 g carbohydrate and 23 g fat per 100 g, can, 400 g – new Pharmacode listing
- Amino acid formula (Neocate SYNEO) powder 13 g protein, 49 g carbohydrate and 23 g fat per 100 g, can, 400 g – Pharmacodes 2587955 and 2555271 to be delisted 1 April 2025
- Aqueous cream (Evara) crm 100 g and 500 g – new listing and addition of PSS
- Aqueous cream (GEM Aqueous Cream) crm 500 g – to be delisted 1 March 2025
- Atracurium besylate (Tracrium) inj 10 mg per ml, 2.5 ml and 5 ml ampoule – price increase
- Azacitidine (Azacitidine Dr Reddy's) inj 100 mg vial – price decrease and addition of PSS
- Baclofen (Sintetica Baclofen Intrathecal) inj 2 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule – new listing and addition of PSS
- Baclofen (Medsurge) inj 2 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule – to be delisted 1 March 2025
- Betaxolol eye drops 0.25%, 5 ml (Betoptic S) and eye drops 0.5%, 5 ml (Betoptic) – delisting delayed
- Bezafibrate tab 200 mg (Bezalip) and tab long-acting 400 mg (Bezalip Retard) – price increase and addition of PSS
- Brimonidine tartrate (Arrow-Brimonidine) eye drops 0.2%, 5 ml – price increase and addition of PSS
- Calcitriol (Calcitriol-AFT) cap 0.5 mcg – new listing
- Ciprofloxacin (Ciprofloxacin Teva) eye drops 0.3%, 5 ml – price increase and addition of PSS
- Dasatinib (Dasatinib-Teva) tab 20 mg, 50 mg and 70 mg – new listing, addition of PSS and amended restriction criteria
- Dasatinib (Sprycel) tab 20 mg, 50 mg and 70 mg – to be delisted 1 March 2025
- Diatrizoate meglumine with sodium amidotrizoate (Urografin) inj 260 mg with sodium amidotrizoate 40 mg per ml, 250 ml bottle – price increase
- Diazepam oral liq 10 mg per 10 ml – new listing
- Dopamine hydrochloride (Dopamine Basi) inj 40 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule – new listing
- Emtricitabine with tenofovir disoproxil (Teva) tab 200 mg with tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (300.6 mg as a succinate) – new listing
- Ethinyloestradiol with norethisterone (Alyacen) tab 35 mcg with norethisterone 1 mg and 7 inert tab – new listing

Summary of decisions – effective 1 October 2024 (continued)

- Gadobutrol (Gadovist 1.0) inj 604.72 mg per ml (equivalent to 1 mmol per ml), 5 ml, 7.5 ml and 15 ml prefilled syringe – price increase
- Gentamicin sulphate (Gentamicin Noridem) inj 40 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – new listing
- Glipizide (Minidiab) tab 5 mg – price increase and addition of PSS
- Heparin sodium inj 1,000 iu per ml, 5 ml ampoule (Wockhardt) and inj 1,000 iu per ml, 10 ml vial (Pfizer) – new listing
- Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil) tab 200 mg – Pharmacode 208264 to be delisted 1 May 2025
- Hyoscine hydrobromide (Scopolamine – Mylan) patch 1 mg per 72 hours – Pharmacode 2674181 to be delisted 1 February 2025
- Imipramine hydrochloride (Imipramine Crescent) tab 25 mg – new listing
- Intra-uterine device (Cu 375 Standard) IUD 35.5 mm length × 19.6 mm width – new listing
- Latanoprost (Teva) eye drops 0.005%, 2.5 ml – price increase and addition of PSS
- Meglumine iotroxate (Biliscopin) inj 105 mg per ml, 100 ml bottle, 100 ml – price increase
- Metronidazole (Metronidamed) tab 200 mg and 400 mg – new listing and addition of PSS
- Metronidazole (Metrogyl) tab 200 mg and 400 mg – to be delisted 1 March 2025
- Midazolam (Midazolam-Pfizer) inj 5 mg per ml, 1 ml plastic ampoule – new listing
- Omeprazole (Omeprazole Teva) cap 10 mg, 20 mg and 40 mg – new listing
- Oral feed 1.5 kcal/ml (Ensure Plus (Banana, chocolate, fruit of the forest and vanilla)) liquid 6.25 g protein, 20.2 g carbohydrate and 4.92 g fat per 100 ml, bottle, 200 ml – new listing
- Oral feed 1.5 kcal/ml (Ensure Plus (Banana, chocolate, fruit of the forest and vanilla)) liquid 6.25 g protein, 20.2 g carbohydrate and 4.92 g fat per 100 ml, carton, 200 ml – to be delisted 1 April 2025
- Ornidazole (Arrow-Ornidazole) tab 500 mg – price increase and addition of PSS
- Paracetamol (Avallon) oral liq 120 mg per 5 ml, 200 ml – delisted 1 October 2024
- Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) inj 25 mg per ml, 4 ml vial – amended restriction criteria
- Posaconazole tab modified-release 100 mg (Posaconazole Juno) and oral liq 40 mg per ml, 105 ml (Devatis) – amended restriction criteria
- Povidone iodine (Riodine) antiseptic solution 10%, 100 ml – price increase
- Pregnancy test – HCG urine (David One Step Cassette Pregnancy Test) cassette, 40 test – new listing and addition of PSS

Summary of decisions – effective 1 October 2024 (continued)

- Pregnancy test – HCG urine (Smith BioMed Rapid Pregnancy Test) cassette, 40 test – to be delisted 1 March 2025
- Quinapril tab 5 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 5), tab 10 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 10) and tab 20 mg (Arrow-Quinapril 20) – price increase and addition of PSS
- Rivastigmine patch 4.6 mg per 24 hour (Rivastigmine Patch BNM 5) and patch 9.5 mg per 24 hour (Rivastigmine Patch BNM 10) – price increase and addition of PSS
- Tranexamic acid (Tranexamic-AFT) inj 100 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule – price decrease and addition of PSS
- Tranexamic acid (Tranexamic-AFT) inj 100 mg per ml, 10 ml ampoule – price increase and addition of PSS
- Tetracosactide [tetracosactrin] (UK Synacthen) inj 250 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule – new listing
- Voriconazole tab 50 mg and 200 mg (Vttack), powder for oral suspension 40 mg per ml, 70 ml (Vfend) and inj 200 mg vial (AFT) – amended restriction criteria

Price (ex man. Excl. GST) \$	Per	Brand or Generic Manufacturer
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Section H changes to Part II

Effective 1 October 2024

ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM

8	OMEPRAZOLE (new listing)			
	Cap 10 mg	2.06	90	Omeprazole Teva
	Cap 20 mg	2.02	90	Omeprazole Teva
	Cap 40 mg	3.18	90	Omeprazole Teva
10	GLIPIZIDE (↑ price and addition of PSS)			
	Tab 5 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	6.86	100	Minidiab
26	CALCITRIOL (new listing)			
	Cap 0.5 mcg.....	13.68	100	Calcitriol-AFT

BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS

32	TRANEXAMIC ACID (↓ price and addition of PSS)			
	Inj 100 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	5.39	5	Tranexamic-AFT
32	TRANEXAMIC ACID (↑ price and addition of PSS)			
	Inj 100 mg per ml, 10 ml ampoule – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	7.99	5	Tranexamic-AFT
35	HEPARIN SODIUM (new listing)			
	Inj 1,000 iu per ml, 5 ml ampoule.....	25.49	10	Wockhardt
	Inj 1,000 iu per ml, 10 ml vial.....	127.44	25	Pfizer

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

42	QUINAPRIL (↑ price and addition of PSS)			
	Tab 5 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	10.24	90	Arrow-Quinapril 5
	Tab 10 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	12.51	90	Arrow-Quinapril 10
	Tab 20 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	14.83	90	Arrow-Quinapril 20
49	BEZAFIBRATE (↑ price and addition of PSS)			
	Tab 200 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	22.65	90	Bezalip
	Tab long-acting 400 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	21.54	30	Bezalip Retard
52	DOPAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE (new listing)			
	Inj 40 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule	46.38	10	Dopamine Basi

DERMATOLOGICALS

67	AQUEOUS CREAM (new listing and addition of PSS)			
	Crm 100 g – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	1.25	100 g	Evara
	Note: DV limit applies to the pack sizes of 100 g or less.			
	Crm 500 g – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	1.65	500 g	Evara
	Note: DV limit applies to the pack sizes of greater than 100 g.			
	Note – GEM Aqueous Cream crm 500 g to be delisted from 1 March 2025.			

➔ Restriction

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GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM

72	ETHINYLOESTRADIOL WITH NORETHISTERONE (new listing) Tab 35 mcg with norethisterone 1 mg and 7 inert tab	12.25	84	Alyacen
73	INTRA-UTERINE DEVICE (new listing) IUD 35.5 mm length × 19.6 mm width	33.00	1	Cu 375 Standard

HORMONE PREPARATIONS

80	TETRACOSACTIDE [TETRACOSACTRIN] (new listing) Inj 250 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule.....	86.25	1	UK Synacthen
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INFECTIONS

86	GENTAMICIN SULPHATE (new listing) Inj 40 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule	91.90	50	Gentamicin Noridem
95	POSACONAZOLE (amended restriction criteria – new criteria shown only) → Tab modified-release 100 mg – 5% DV Apr-23 to 2025	206.00	24	Posaconazole Juno Devatis
	→ Oral liq 40 mg per ml – 5% DV May-23 to 2025	342.51	105 ml	

Restricted

Initiation – Invasive fungal infection prophylaxis

Any relevant practitioner

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Both:

1 The patient is at risk of invasive fungal infection; and

2 Either:

2.1 Posaconazole is prescribed by, or recommended by a haematologist, transplant physician, infectious disease specialist, paediatric haematologist or paediatric oncologist; or

2.2 Prescribing posaconazole is in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora Hospital in the specific settings where there is a greater than 10% risk of invasive fungal infection (IFI).

Continuation – Invasive fungal infection prophylaxis

Any relevant practitioner

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Both:

1 The patient is at risk of invasive fungal infection; and

2 Either:

2.1 Posaconazole is prescribed by, or recommended by a haematologist, transplant physician, infectious disease specialist, paediatric haematologist or paediatric oncologist; or

2.2 Prescribing posaconazole is in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora Hospital in the specific settings where there is a greater than 10% risk of invasive fungal infection (IFI).

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95	VORICONAZOLE (amended restriction criteria – new criteria shown only)			
	→ Tab 50 mg.....	91.00	56	Vttack
	→ Tab 200 mg.....	350.00	56	Vttack
	→ Powder for oral suspension 40 mg per ml.....	1,523.22	70 ml	Vfend
	→ Inj 200 mg vial – 5% DV Aug-23 to 2025	19.85	1	AFT
	Restricted			
	Initiation – Invasive fungal infection prophylaxis			
	Any relevant practitioner			
	Re-assessment required after 6 months			
	Both:			
	1 The patient is at risk of invasive fungal infection; and			
	2 Either:			
	2.1 Voriconazole is prescribed by, or recommended by a haematologist, transplant physician, infectious disease specialist, paediatric haematologist or paediatric oncologist; or			
	2.2 Prescribing voriconazole is in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora Hospital in the specific settings where there is a greater than 10% risk of invasive fungal infection (IFI).			
	Continuation – Invasive fungal infection prophylaxis			
	Any relevant practitioner			
	Re-assessment required after 6 months			
	Both:			
	1 The patient is at risk of invasive fungal infection; and			
	2 Either:			
	2.1 Voriconazole is prescribed by, or recommended by a haematologist, transplant physician, infectious disease specialist, paediatric haematologist or paediatric oncologist; or			
	2.2 Prescribing voriconazole is in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora Hospital in the specific settings where there is a greater than 10% risk of invasive fungal infection (IFI).			
98	METRONIDAZOLE (new listing and addition of PSS)			
	Tab 200 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2026	25.86	250	Metronidamed
	Tab 400 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2026	4.29	21	Metronidamed
	Note – Metrogyl tab 200 mg and 400 mg to be delisted from 1 March 2025.			
99	ORNIDAZOLE (↑ price and addition of PSS)			
	Tab 500 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	36.52	10	Arrow-Ornidazole
105	EMTRICITABINE WITH TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL (new listing)			
	→ Tab 200 mg with tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg (300.6 mg as a succinate)	15.45	30	Teva

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MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

110	HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE (delisting) → Tab 200 mg.....	8.78	100	Plaquenil
	Note – Pharmacode 208264 to be delisted from 1 May 2025.			
114	ATRACURIUM BESYLATE (↑ price) Inj 10 mg per ml, 2.5 ml ampoule	18.40	5	Tracrium
	Inj 10 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule	20.45	5	Tracrium
114	BACLOFEN (new listing and addition of PSS) Inj 2 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	490.91	10	Sintetica Baclofen Intrathecal
	Note – Medsurge inj 2 mg per ml, 5 ml ampoule to be delisted from 1 March 2025.			

NERVOUS SYSTEM

122	PARACETAMOL (delisted) Oral liq 120 mg per 5 ml	10.50	200 ml	Avallon
	Note – Avallon oral liq 120 mg per 5 ml delisted 1 October 2024.			
125	IMIPRAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE (new listing) Tab 25 mg.....	4.93	28	Imipramine Crescent
130	HYOSCINE HYDROBROMIDE (delisting) → Patch 1 mg per 72 hours	88.50	10	Scopolamine - Mylan
	Note – Pharmacode 2674181 to be delisted from 1 February 2025.			
135	DIAZEPAM (new listing) → Oral liq 10 mg per 10 ml Restricted Initiation Relevant specialist Only for use in children where diazepam tablets are not appropriate			
142	RIVASTIGMINE (↑ price and addition of PSS) → Patch 4.6 mg per 24 hour – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	49.40	30	Rivastigmine Patch BNM 5
	→ Patch 9.5 mg per 24 hour – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	49.40	30	Rivastigmine Patch BNM 10
143	MIDAZOLAM (new listing) Inj 5 mg per ml, 1 ml plastic ampoule	22.50	10	Midazolam-Pfizer

ONCOLOGY AGENTS AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS

147	AZACITIDINE (↓ price and addition of PSS) → Inj 100 mg vial – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	50.00	1	Azacitidine Dr Reddy's
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157	DASATINIB (new listing, addition of PSS and amended restriction criteria)			
	→ Tab 20 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	132.88	60	Dasatinib-Teva
	→ Tab 50 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	304.13	60	Dasatinib-Teva
	→ Tab 70 mg – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	415.75	60	Dasatinib-Teva

Restricted

Initiation

Haematologist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a haematologist

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Any of the following:

1 Both:

- 1.1 The patient has a diagnosis of chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML) in blast crisis or accelerated phase; ~~or and~~
 1.2 ~~Maximum dose of 140 mg/day; or~~

2 Both:

- 2.1 The patient has a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoid leukaemia (Ph+ ALL); ~~or and~~
 2.2 ~~Maximum dose of 140 mg/day; or~~

3 All of the following Both:

- 3.1 The patient has a diagnosis of CML in chronic phase; and

- 3.2 ~~Maximum dose of 100 mg/day; and~~

3.2 Any of the following:

- 3.2.1 ~~3.2.1~~ Patient has documented treatment failure* with imatinib; or

- 3.2.2 ~~3.2.2~~ Patient has experienced treatment-limiting toxicity with imatinib precluding further treatment with imatinib; or

- 3.2.3 ~~3.2.3~~ Patient has high-risk chronic-phase CML defined by the Sokal or EURO scoring system; ~~or~~

- 3.2.4 ~~3.2.4~~ Patient is enrolled in the KISS study** and requires dasatinib treatment according to the study protocol.

Continuation

Haematologist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a haematologist

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Both All of the following:

- 1 Lack of treatment failure while on dasatinib*; and

- 2 Dasatinib treatment remains appropriate and the patient is benefiting from treatment; ~~and~~

- 3 ~~Maximum dasatinib dose of 140 mg/day for accelerated or blast phase CML and Ph+ ALL, and 100 mg/day for chronic phase CML.~~

Note: *treatment failure for CML as defined by Leukaemia Net Guidelines. **Kinase Inhibition Study with Sprycel Start-up <https://www.cancertrialsnz.ac.nz/kiss/>

Note – Sprycel tab 20 mg, 50 mg and 70 mg to be delisted from 1 March 2025.

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238	PEMBROLIZUMAB (amended restriction criteria – new criteria shown only) → Inj 25 mg per ml, 4 ml vial	4,680.00	1	Keytruda
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Restricted

Initiation – breast cancer, advanced

Relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Either:

- 1 Patient is currently on treatment with pembrolizumab and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or
- 2 All of the following:
 - 2.1 Either:
 - 2.1.1 Patient has recurrent or de novo unresectable, inoperable locally advanced triple-negative breast cancer (that does not express ER, PR or HER2 IHC3+ or ISH+ [including FISH or other technology]); or
 - 2.1.2 Patient has recurrent or de novo metastatic triple-negative breast cancer (that does not express ER, PR or HER2 IHC3+ or ISH+ [including FISH or other technology]); and
 - 2.2 Patient is treated with palliative intent; and
 - 2.3 Patient's cancer has confirmed PD-L1 Combined Positive Score (CPS) is greater than or equal to 10; and
 - 2.4 Patient has received no prior systemic therapy in the palliative setting; and
 - 2.5 Patient has an ECOG score of 0–2; and
 - 2.6 Pembrolizumab is to be used in combination with chemotherapy; and
 - 2.7 Baseline measurement of overall tumour burden is documented clinically and radiologically; and
 - 2.8 Pembrolizumab is to be used at a maximum dose of 200 mg every three weeks (or equivalent) for a maximum of 16 weeks.

Continuation – breast cancer, advanced

Any relevant practitioner

Re-assessment required after 6 months

All of the following:

- 1 Any of the following:
 - 1.2 Patient's disease has had a complete response to treatment; or
 - 1.3 Patient's disease has had a partial response to treatment; or
 - 1.4 Patient has stable disease; and
- 2 No evidence of disease progression; and
- 3 Response to treatment in target lesions has been determined by a comparable radiologic assessment following the most recent treatment period; and
- 4 Pembrolizumab is to be used at a maximum dose of 200 mg every three weeks (or equivalent); and
- 5 Treatment with pembrolizumab is to cease after a total duration of 24 months from commencement (or equivalent of 35 cycles dosed every 3 weeks).

Initiation – head and neck squamous cell carcinoma

Relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist

Re-assessment required after 4 months

Either:

- 1 Patient is currently on treatment with pembrolizumab and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or
- 2 All of the following:
 - 2.1 Patient has recurrent or metastatic head and neck squamous cell carcinoma of mucosal origin (excluding nasopharyngeal carcinoma) that is incurable by local therapies; and
 - 2.2 Patient has not received prior systemic therapy in the recurrent or metastatic setting; and
 - 2.3 Patient has a positive PD-L1 combined positive score (CPS) of greater than or equal to 1; and
 - 2.4 Patient has an ECOG performance score of 0–2; and

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2.5 Either:

2.5.1 Pembrolizumab to be used in combination with platinum-based chemotherapy; or

2.5.2 Pembrolizumab to be used as monotherapy.

2.6 Pembrolizumab is to be used at a maximum dose of 200 mg every three weeks (or equivalent) for a maximum of 16 weeks.

Continuation – head and neck squamous cell carcinoma

Any relevant practitioner

Re-assessment required after 4 months

All of the following:

1 Any of the following:

1.1 Patient's disease has had a complete response to treatment; or

1.2 Patient's disease has had a partial response to treatment; or

1.3 Patient has stable disease; and

2 No evidence of disease progression; and

3 Pembrolizumab is to be used at a maximum dose of 200 mg every three weeks (or equivalent); and

4 Treatment with pembrolizumab is to cease after a total duration of 24 months from commencement (or equivalent of 35 cycles dosed every 3 weeks).

Initiation – MSI-H/dMMR advanced colorectal cancer

Relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist

Re-assessment required after 4 months

Either:

1 Patient is currently on treatment with pembrolizumab and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or

2 All of the following:

2.1 Either:

2.1.1 Patient has deficient mismatch repair (dMMR) or microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) metastatic colorectal cancer; or

2.1.2 Patient has deficient mismatch repair (dMMR) or microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) unresectable colorectal cancer; and

2.2 Patient is treated with palliative intent; and

2.3 Patient has not previously received funded treatment with pembrolizumab; and

2.4 Patient has an ECOG performance score of 0-2; and

2.5 Baseline measurement of overall tumour burden is documented clinically and radiologically; and

2.6 Pembrolizumab to be used at a maximum dose of 200 mg every three weeks (or equivalent) for a maximum of 16 weeks.

Continuation – MSI-H/dMMR advanced colorectal cancer

Any relevant practitioner

Re-assessment required after 4 months

All of the following:

1 No evidence of disease progression; and

2 Pembrolizumab to be used at a maximum dose of 200 mg every three weeks (or equivalent); and

3 Treatment with pembrolizumab is to cease after a total duration of 24 months from commencement (or equivalent of 35 cycles dosed every 3 weeks).

Initiation – Urothelial carcinoma

Relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist

Re-assessment required after 4 months

Either:

1 Patient is currently on treatment with pembrolizumab and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or

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2 All of the following:

- 2.1 Patient has inoperable locally advanced (T4) or metastatic urothelial carcinoma; and
- 2.2 Patient has an ECOG performance score of 0-2; and
- 2.3 Patient has documented disease progression following treatment with chemotherapy; and
- 2.4 Pembrolizumab to be used as monotherapy at a maximum dose of 200 mg every three weeks (or equivalent) for a maximum of 16 weeks.

Continuation – Urothelial carcinoma

Any relevant practitioner

Re-assessment required after 4 months

All of the following:

1 Any of the following:

- 1.1 Patient's disease has had a complete response to treatment; or
- 1.2 Patient's disease has had a partial response to treatment; or
- 1.3 Patient has stable disease; and

2 No evidence of disease progression; and

3 Pembrolizumab is to be used as monotherapy at a maximum dose of 200 mg every three weeks (or equivalent); and

4 Treatment with pembrolizumab is to cease after a total duration of 24 months from commencement (or equivalent of 35 cycles dosed every 3 weeks).

Initiation – relapsed/refractory Hodgkin lymphoma

Relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist

Re-assessment required after 4 months

Either:

1 Patient is currently on treatment with pembrolizumab and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or

2 All of the following:

2.1 Either:

2.1.1 Both:

2.1.1.1 Patient has relapsed/refractory Hodgkin lymphoma after two or more lines of chemotherapy; and

2.1.1.2 Patient is ineligible for autologous stem cell transplant; or

2.1.2 Patient has relapsed/refractory Hodgkin lymphoma and has previously undergone an autologous stem cell transplant; and

2.2 Patient has not previously received funded pembrolizumab; and

2.3 Pembrolizumab to be administered at doses no greater than 200 mg once every 3 weeks.

Continuation – relapsed/refractory Hodgkin lymphoma

Any relevant practitioner

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Both:

1 Patient has received a partial or complete response to pembrolizumab; and

2 Treatment with pembrolizumab is to cease after a total duration of 24 months from commencement (or equivalent of 35 cycles dosed every 3 weeks).

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SENSORY ORGANS

254	CIPROFLOXACIN (↑ price and addition of PSS) Eye drops 0.3% – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	10.85	5 ml	Ciprofloxacin Teva
258	BETAXOLOL (delisting delay) Eye drops 0.25%	11.80	5 ml	Betoptic S
	Eye drops 0.5%	7.50	5 ml	Betoptic
	Note – delisting delayed until 1 December 2025.			
259	LATANOPROST (↑ price and addition of PSS) Eye drops 0.005% – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	2.08	2.5 ml	Teva
259	BRIMONIDINE TARTRATE (↑ price and addition of PSS) Eye drops 0.2% – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	5.16	5 ml	Arrow-Brimonidine

VARIOUS

263	POVIDONE-IODINE (↑ price) Soln 10%.....	4.99	100 ml	Riodine
264	DIATRIZOATE MEGLUMINE WITH SODIUM AMIDOTRIZOATE (↑ price) Inj 260 mg with sodium amidotrizoate 40 mg per ml, 250 ml bottle.....	120.00	1	Urografin
265	GADOBUTROL (↑ price) Inj 604.72 mg per ml (equivalent to 1 mmol per ml), 5 ml prefilled syringe.....	126.00	5	Gadovist 1.0
	Inj 604.72 mg per ml (equivalent to 1 mmol per ml), 7.5 ml prefilled syringe.....	189.00	5	Gadovist 1.0
	Inj 604.72 mg per ml (equivalent to 1 mmol per ml), 15 ml prefilled syringe.....	735.00	10	Gadovist 1.0
265	MEGLUMINE IOTROXATE (↑ price) Inj 105 mg per ml, 100 ml bottle.....	169.15	100 ml	Billiscopin

SPECIAL FOODS

282	AMINO ACID FORMULA (new Pharmacode listing) → Powder 13 g protein, 49 g carbohydrate and 23 g fat per 100 g, can.....	55.61	400 g	Neocate SYNEO
	Note – this is a new Pharmacode listing, 2684713.			
282	AMINO ACID FORMULA (delisting) → Powder 13 g protein, 49 g carbohydrate and 23 g fat per 100 g, can.....	55.61	400 g	Neocate SYNEO
	Note – Pharmacodes 2587955 and 2555271 to be delisted from 1 April 2025.			

→ Restriction

(Brand) indicates a brand example only. It is not a contracted product.

	Price (ex man. Excl. GST) \$	Per	Brand or Generic Manufacturer
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Changes to Section H Part II – effective 1 October 2024 (continued)

289	ORAL FEED 1.5 KCAL/ML (new listing) → Liquid 6.25 g protein, 20.2 g carbohydrate and 4.92 g fat per 100 ml, bottle.....	1.56	200 ml	Ensure Plus (Banana) Ensure Plus (Chocolate) Ensure Plus (Fruit of the Forest) Ensure Plus (Vanilla)
289	ORAL FEED 1.5 KCAL/ML (delisting) → Liquid 6.25 g protein, 20.2 g carbohydrate and 4.92 g fat per 100 ml, carton	1.56	200 ml	Ensure Plus (Banana) Ensure Plus (Chocolate) Ensure Plus (Fruit of the Forest) Ensure Plus (Vanilla)

Note – Ensure plus (Banana, Chocolate, Fruit of the Forest and Vanilla) liquid 6.25 g protein, 20.2 g carbohydrate and 4.92 g fat per 100 ml, carton to be delisted from 1 April 2025.

OPTIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS

302	PREGNANCY TEST - HCG URINE (new listing and addition of PSS) Cassette – 5% DV Mar-25 to 2027	16.00	40 test	David One Step Cassette Pregnancy Test
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Note – Smith BioMed Rapid Pregnancy Test cassette to be delisted from 1 March 2025.

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CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

44	ATROPINE SULPHATE (new listing) Inj 600 mcg per ml, 1 ml ampoule.....	16.10	10	Juno
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MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

110	HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE (new Pharmacode listing) → Tab 200 mg.....	8.78	100	Plaquenil
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Note – this is a new Pharmacode listing, 2689405.

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