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Pharmaceutical Schedule

# Section H Update

for Hospital Pharmaceuticals

**May 2025**

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**PHARMAC**  
TE PĀTAKA WHAIORANGA

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## Summary of decisions

EFFECTIVE 1 MAY 2025

- Adalimumab (Humira – Alternative brand) inj 20 mg per 0.2 ml prefilled syringe (Humira), inj 40 mg per 0.4 ml prefilled syringe (Humira) and inj 40 mg per 0.4 ml prefilled pen (HumiraPen) – decrease price
- Atazanavir sulphate (Atazavanir Mylan) cap 150 mg – to be delisted on 1 November 2025
- Atorvastatin (Lipitor) tab 20 mg – delisted 1 May 2025
- Atorvastatin (Lorstat) tab 80 mg, 30 tab pack – to be delisted 1 November 2025
- Azacitidine (Azacitidine Dr Reddy's) inj 100 mg vial – amended restriction criteria
- Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) (SII-Onco-BCG) inj 40 mg per ml, vial – new listing
- Bupivacaine hydrochloride with fentanyl (Biomed) inj 1.25 mg with fentanyl 2 mcg per ml, 15 ml syringe – delisted 1 May 2025
- Casirivimab and imdevimab (Ronapreve) inj 120 mg per ml casirivimab, 11.1 ml vial (1) and inj 120 mg per ml imdevimab, 11.1 ml vial (1) – delisted 1 May 2025
- Diatrioate meglumine with sodium amidotrizoate (Gastrografin Ger, Gastrografin S29) oral liquid 660 mg per ml with sodium amidotrizoate 100 mg per ml, 100 ml bottle – to be delisted 1 June 2025
- Enteral feed 1 kcal/ml (Nutrison Multi Fibre) liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate, 3.9 g fat and 1.5 g fibre per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle (p'code 2703270) – new listing
- Enteral feed 1 kcal/ml (Nutrison Multi Fibre) liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate, 3.9 g fat and 1.5 g fibre per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle (p'code 2702428) – to be delisted 1 January 2026
- Enteral feed 1 kcal/ml (Nutrison RTH) liquid 4 g protein, 12.4 g carbohydrate and 3.9 g fat per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle (p'code 2703262) – new listing
- Enteral feed 1 kcal/ml (Nutrison RTH) liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate and 3.9 g fat per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle (p'code 2702118) – to be delisted 1 January 2026
- Enteral feed 1.5 kcal/ml (Nutrison Energy) liquid 6 g protein, 18.5 g carbohydrate and 5.8 g fat per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle (p'code 2703289) – new listing
- Enteral feed 1.5 kcal/ml (Nutrison Energy) liquid 6 g protein, 18.3 g carbohydrate and 5.8 g fat per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle (p'code 2702355) – to be delisted 1 January 2026
- Enteral feed 1.5 kcal/ml (Nutrison Energy Multi Fibre) liquid 6 g protein, 18.4 g carbohydrate, 5.8 g fat and 1.5 g fibre per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle (p'code 2703297) – new listing
- Enteral feed 1.5 kcal/ml (Nutrison Energy Multi Fibre) liquid 6 g protein, 18.4 g carbohydrate, 5.8 g fat and 1.5 g fibre per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle (p'code 2702452) – to be delisted 1 January 2026

## Summary of decisions – effective 1 May 2025 (continued)

- Fentanyl (Biomed) inj 10 mg per ml, 50 ml bag and 50 ml syringe – delisted 1 May 2025
- Fentanyl (Fentanyl Sandoz) patch 12 mcg per hour – new presentation listing and addition of PSS
- Fentanyl (Fentanyl Sandoz) patch 12.5 mg per hour – to be delisted on 1 November 2025 and removal of PSS
- Fluticasone propionate (Flixonase Hayfever & Allergy) metered dose nasal spray, 50 mcg per dose – increase price, addition of PSS and amended presentation
- Gentamicin sulphate (Gentamicin Hikma) inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule – new listing
- Hyoscine hydrobromide (Scopolamine Transdermal System Viatriis) patch 1 mg per 72 hours – amended brand name
- Ibrutinib (Imbruvica) tab 140 mg and 420 mg – amended restriction criteria
- Insulin degludec with insulin aspart (Ryzodeg 70/30 Penfill) inj degludec 70 u with insulin aspart 30 u, 100 u per ml, 3 ml – new listing
- Itraconazole (Itraconazole Crescent) cap 100 mg – new listing
- Morphine sulphate (Biomed) inj 2 mg per ml, 30 ml syringe – delisted 1 May 2025
- Niraparib (Zejula) cap 100 mg, 84 pack – to be delisted 1 July 2025
- Nitazoxanide (Alinia) tab 500 mg – delisted 1 May 2025 (brand only)
- Phytomenadione (Konaktion MM) inj 2 mg in 0.2 ml ampoule – new Pharmacode listing
- Promethazine hydrochloride (Phenergan Elixir) oral liq 1 mg per ml – to be delisted 1 July 2025
- Secukinumab (Cosentyx) inj 150 mg per ml, 1 ml prefilled syringe – amended restriction criteria
- Solifenacin succinate (Solifenacin Viatriis) tab 5 mg – increase price and delist delayed until 1 November 2025
- Upadacitinib (Rinvoq) tab modified-release 30 mg and 45 mg – new listing
- Upadacitinib (Rinvoq) tab modified-release 15 mg, 30 mg and 45 mg – amended restriction criteria and presentation description
- Venetoclax (Venclexta) tab 14 × 10 mg, 7 × 50 mg, 21 × 100 mg, 10 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg – amended restriction criteria

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## Section H changes to Part II

Effective 1 May 2025

### ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM

|    |   |       |   |                       |
|----|---|-------|---|-----------------------|
| 10 | INSULIN DEGLUDEC WITH INSULIN ASPART (new listing)<br>Inj degludec 70 u with insulin aspart 30 u,<br>100 u per ml, 3 ml ..... | 80.00 | 5 | Ryzodeg 70/30 Penfill |
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### BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS

|    |  |      |   |             |
|----|--|------|---|-------------|
| 34 | PHYTOMENADIONE (new listing)<br>Inj 2 mg in 0.2 ml ampoule ..... | 8.00 | 5 | Konakion MM |
|    | Note – this listing is for Pharmacode 2703572.                   |      |   |             |

### CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

|    |   |      |    |                |
|----|---|------|----|----------------|
| 50 | ATORVASTATIN (delisted)<br>Tab 20 mg.....                                 | 0.45 | 28 | Lipitor        |
|    | Note – Lipitor tab 20 mg delisted 1 May 2025.                             |      |    |                |
| 50 | ATORVASTATIN (delisting)<br>Tab 80 mg – <b>5% DV Dec-24 to 2027</b> ..... | 1.52 | 30 | <b>Lorstat</b> |
|    | Note – Lorstat tab 80 mg, 30 tab pack to be delisted on 1 November 2025.  |      |    |                |

### GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM

|    |  |      |    |                     |
|----|--|------|----|---------------------|
| 76 | SOLIFENACIN SUCCINATE (↑ price and delisting delayed)<br>Tab 5 mg..... | 3.15 | 30 | Solifenacin Viatris |
|    | Note – delist delayed until 1 November 2025.                           |      |    |                     |

### INFECTIONS

|     |   |          |    |                         |
|-----|---|----------|----|-------------------------|
| 87  | GENTAMICIN SULPHATE (new listing)<br>Inj 10 mg per ml, 2 ml ampoule .....           | 190.00   | 10 | Gentamicin Hikma        |
| 96  | ITRACONAZOLE (new listing)<br>→ Cap 100 mg .....                                    | 6.83     | 15 | Itraconazole Crescent   |
| 101 | NITAZOXANIDE (brand delisted)<br>→ Tab 500 mg.....                                  | 1,680.00 | 30 | Alinia                  |
|     | Note – Alinia tab 500 mg delisted 1 May 2025 (brand only).                          |          |    |                         |
| 104 | ATAZANAVIR SULPHATE (delisting)<br>→ Cap 150 mg – <b>5% DV May-23 to 2025</b> ..... | 85.00    | 60 | <b>Atazanavir Mylan</b> |
|     | Note – Atazanavir Mylan cap 150 mg to be delisted 1 November 2025.                  |          |    |                         |

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## Changes to Section H Part II – effective 1 May 2025 (continued)

### NERVOUS SYSTEM

|     |  |        |    |  |
|-----|--|--------|----|--|
| 122 | BUPIVACAINE HYDROCHLORIDE WITH FENTANYL (delisted)<br>Inj 1.25 mg with fentanyl 2 mcg per ml, 15 ml syringe .....    | 36.00  | 5  | Biomed   |
|     | Note – Biomed inj 1.25 mg with fentanyl 2 mcg per ml, 15 ml syringe delisted 1 May 2025.                             |        |    |  |
| 125 | FENTANYL (delisted)<br>Inj 10 mcg per ml, 50 ml bag .....  | 210.00 | 10 | Biomed   |
|     | Inj 10 mcg per ml, 50 ml syringe .....   | 165.00 | 10 | Biomed   |
|     | Note – Biomed inj 10 mcg per ml, 50 ml bag and syringe delisted 1 May 2025.  |        |    |  |
| 125 | FENTANYL (new presentation listing and addition of PSS)<br>Patch 12 mcg per hour – <b>5% DV May-25 to 2027</b> ..... | 6.02   | 5  | <b>Fentanyl Sandoz</b>                                   |
| 125 | FENTANYL (delisting and removal of PSS)<br>Patch 12.5 mcg per hour – <b>5% DV May-25 to 2027</b> .....               | 6.02   | 5  | Fentanyl Sandoz  |
|     | Note – Fentanyl Sandoz patch 12.5 mcg per hour to be delisted 1 November 2025.                                       |        |    |  |
| 125 | MORPHINE SULPHATE (delisted)<br>Inj 2 mg per ml, 30 ml syringe .....   | 135.00 | 10 | Biomed   |
|     | Note – Biomed inj 2 mg per ml, 30 ml syringe delisted 1 May 2025.  |        |    |  |
| 132 | HYOSCINE HYDROBROMIDE (amended brand name)<br>→ Patch 1 mg per 72 hours .....  | 88.50  | 10 | Scopolamine – Mylan<br><b>Transdermal System Viatrix</b> |

### ONCOLOGY AGENTS AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS

|     |   |       |   |                               |
|-----|---|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| 151 | AZACITIDINE (amended restriction criteria)<br>→ Inj 100 mg vial – <b>5% DV Mar-25 to 2027</b> .....   | 50.00 | 1 | <b>Azacitidine Dr Reddy's</b> |
|     | Restricted<br>Initiation<br>Haematologist<br>Re-assessment required after 12 months<br>All of the following <b>Both</b> :<br>1. Any of the following:<br>1.1. The patient <b>individual</b> has <b>intermediate or high risk MDS based on an internationally recognised scoring system</b> International Prognostic Scoring System (IPSS) intermediate-2 or high risk myelodysplastic syndrome; or<br>1.2. The patient <b>individual</b> has chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia ( <b>based on an intermediate or high risk score from an internationally recognised scoring system or</b> 10%-29% marrow blasts without myeloproliferative disorder); or<br>1.3. The patient <b>individual</b> has acute myeloid leukaemia with 20-30% blasts and multi-lineage dysplasia; according to World Health Organization (WHO) Classification; and<br>2. The patient has performance status (WHO/ECOG) grade 0-2; and<br>3.2. The patient <b>individual</b> has an estimated life expectancy of at least 3 months.<br>Continuation<br>Haematologist or medical practitioner on the recommendation of a haematologist<br>Re-assessment required after 12 months<br><b>Both</b> :<br>1. No evidence of disease progression; and<br>2. The treatment remains appropriate and patient is benefitting from treatment. |       |   |                               |

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### 153 IBRUTINIB (amended restriction criteria)

|                   |          |    |           |
|-------------------|----------|----|-----------|
| → Tab 140 mg..... | 3,217.00 | 30 | Imbruvica |
| → Tab 420 mg..... | 9,652.00 | 30 | Imbruvica |

Restricted

Initiation – chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

All of the following:

1. ~~Patient~~ **Individual** has chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) requiring therapy; and
2. ~~Patient~~ **Individual** has not previously received funded ibrutinib; and
3. Ibrutinib is to be used as monotherapy; and
4. Any of the following:
  - 4.1. Both:
    - 4.1.1. There is documentation confirming that ~~patient~~ **the individual** has 17p deletion or TP53 mutation; and
    - 4.1.2. ~~Patient~~ **Individual** has experienced intolerable side effects with venetoclax monotherapy; or
  - 4.2. All of the following:
    - 4.2.1. ~~Patient~~ **Individual** has received at least one prior immunochemotherapy for CLL; and
    - 4.2.2. ~~Patient~~ **Individual's** CLL has relapsed ~~within 36 months of previous treatment~~; and
    - 4.2.3. ~~Patient~~ **Individual** has experienced intolerable side effects with venetoclax in combination with rituximab regimen; or
  - 4.3. ~~Patient~~ **Individual's** CLL is refractory to or has relapsed ~~within 36 months of~~ **following** a venetoclax regimen.

Continuation – chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)

*Re-assessment required after 12 months*

~~Both:~~

1. No evidence of clinical disease progression; ~~and~~
2. ~~The treatment remains appropriate and the patient is benefitting from treatment~~

Note: 'Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)' includes small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL)\* and B-cell prolymphocytic leukaemia (B-PLL)\*. Indications marked with \* are Unapproved indications.

### 153 NIRAPARIB (delisting)

|                    |           |    |        |
|--------------------|-----------|----|--------|
| → Cap 100 mg ..... | 13,393.50 | 84 | Zejula |
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Note – Zejula cap 100 mg, 84 cap pack to be delisted 1 July 2025.

### 158 VENETOCLAX (amended restriction criteria)

|   |          |     |           |
|---|----------|-----|-----------|
| → Tab 14 × 10 mg, 7 × 50 mg, 21 × 100 mg..... | 1,771.86 | 42  | Venclexta |
| → Tab 10 mg.....                              | 13.68    | 2   | Venclexta |
| → Tab 50 mg.....                              | 239.44   | 7   | Venclexta |
| → Tab 100 mg.....                             | 8,209.41 | 120 | Venclexta |

Restricted

Initiation – relapsed/refractory chronic lymphocytic leukaemia

Haematologist

*Re-assessment required after 7 months*

All of the following:

1. **Individual** ~~Patient~~ has chronic lymphocytic leukaemia requiring treatment; and
2. **Individual** ~~Patient~~ has received at least one prior therapy for chronic lymphocytic leukaemia; and
3. **Individual** ~~Patient~~ has not previously received funded venetoclax; and
4. **The individual's** ~~Patient's~~ disease has relapsed ~~within 36 months of previous treatment~~; and
5. Venetoclax to be used in combination six 28-day cycles of rituximab commencing after the 5-week dose titration schedule with venetoclax; and
6. **Individual** ~~Patient~~ has ECOG performance status 0-2;

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Continuation – relapsed/refractory chronic lymphocytic leukaemia

**Haematologist**

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

Both:

1. Treatment remains clinically appropriate and the **individual patient** is benefitting from and tolerating treatment; and
2. Venetoclax is to be discontinued after a maximum of 24 months of treatment following the titration schedule unless earlier discontinuation is required due to disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

Initiation – previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia with 17p deletion or TP53 mutation\*

**Haematologist**

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

All of the following:

1. **Individual Patient** has previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia; and
2. There is documentation that the **individual patient** has the 17p deletion by FISH testing or TP53 mutation sequencing; and
3. **Individual Patient** has ECOG performance status 0-2.

Continuation – previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia with 17p deletion or TP53 mutation\*

**Haematologist**

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

~~The treatment remains clinically appropriate and the patient is benefitting from and tolerating treatment.~~ **No evidence of disease progression.**

Note: 'Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)' includes small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL)\* and B-cell polymorphocytic leukaemia (B-PLL)\*. Indications marked with \* are Unapproved indications.

**Initiation – previously untreated acute myeloid leukaemia**

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

Either:

1. **The individual is currently on treatment with venetoclax and met all remaining special authority criteria prior to commencing treatment; or**
2. **All of the following:**
  - 2.1. **Individual has previously untreated acute myeloid leukaemia (see note a), according to World Health Organization (WHO) Classification; and**
  - 2.2. **Venetoclax not to be used in combination with standard intensive remission induction chemotherapy; and**
  - 2.3. **Venetoclax to be used in combination with azacitidine or low dose cytarabine.**

**Continuation – previously untreated acute myeloid leukaemia**

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

**No evidence of disease progression.**

**Notes:**

a) 'Acute myeloid leukaemia' includes myeloid sarcoma\*.

b) Indications marked with \* are Unapproved indications.

189 ADALIMUMAB (HUMIRA - ALTERNATIVE BRAND) (↓ price)

|  |        |   |           |
|--|--------|---|-----------|
| → Inj 20 mg per 0.2 ml prefilled syringe ..... | 595.50 | 2 | Humira    |
| → Inj 40 mg per 0.4 ml prefilled syringe ..... | 595.50 | 2 | Humira    |
| → Inj 40 mg per 0.4 ml prefilled pen.....      | 595.50 | 2 | HumiraPen |

200 CASIRIVIMAB AND IMDEVIMAB (delisted)

Inj 120 mg per ml casirivimab, 11.1 ml vial (1)

and inj 120 mg per ml imdevimab, 11.1 ml vial (1) ..... 0.00 1 Ronapreve

Note – Ronapreve inj 120 mg per ml casirivimab, 11.1 ml vial (1) and inj 120 mg per ml imdevimab, 11.1 ml vial (1) delisted 1 May 2025.



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| 229   | SECUKINUMAB (amended restriction criteria – affected criteria shown only)<br>→ Inj 150 mg per ml, 1 ml prefilled syringe ..... | 799.50<br>1,599.00 | 1<br>2 | Cosentyx<br>Cosentyx |
| Restricted<br>Continuation – ankylosing spondylitis, second-line biologic<br>Rheumatologist<br><i>Re-assessment required after 6 months</i><br>All of the following:<br>1 Following 12 weeks initial treatment of secukinumab treatment, BASDAI has improved by 4 or more points from pre-secukinumab baseline on a 10 point scale, or by 50%, whichever is less; and<br>2 Physician considers that the patient has benefitted from treatment and that continued treatment is appropriate; and<br>3 Secukinumab to be administered at doses no greater than <del>±50</del> <b>300</b> mg monthly.   |  |                    |        |                      |
| 252   | BACILLUS CALMETTE-GUERIN (BCG) (new listing)<br>→ Inj 40 mg per ml, vial .....   | 182.45             | 3      | SII-Onco-BCG         |
| 254   | UPADACITINIB (new listing)<br>→ Tab modified-release 30 mg .....   | 2,033.00           | 28     | Rinvoq               |
|   | → Tab modified-release 45 mg .....   | 3,049.00           | 28     | Rinvoq               |
| 254   | UPADACITINIB (amended presentation description)<br>→ Tab <b>modified-release</b> 15 mg .....                                   | 1,271.00           | 28     | Rinvoq               |
| 254   | UPADACITINIB (amended restriction criteria)<br>→ Tab modified-release 15 mg .....  | 1,271.00           | 28     | Rinvoq               |
|   | → Tab modified-release 30 mg .....   | 2,033.00           | 28     | Rinvoq               |
|   | → Tab modified-release 45 mg .....   | 3,049.00           | 28     | Rinvoq               |
| Restricted<br>Initiation – Rheumatoid Arthritis (patients previously treated with adalimumab or etanercept)<br>Rheumatologist<br><i>Limited to 6 months treatment</i><br>All of the following:<br>1. The <del>patient</del> <b>individual</b> has had an initial Special Authority approval for adalimumab and/or etanercept for rheumatoid arthritis; and<br>2. Either:<br>2.1. The <del>patient</del> <b>individual</b> has experienced intolerable side effects <del>from</del> <b>with</b> adalimumab and/or etanercept; or<br>2.2. The <del>patient</del> <b>individual</b> has received insufficient benefit from at least a three-month trial of adalimumab and/or etanercept such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for rheumatoid arthritis; and<br>3. <del>Either:</del> <b>Any of the following:</b><br>3.1. <b>Rituximab is not clinically appropriate; or</b><br>3.2. <del>3.1-</del> The <del>patient</del> <b>individual</b> is seronegative for both anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (CCP) antibodies and rheumatoid factor; or<br>3.3. <del>3.2-</del> Both:<br>3.3.1. <del>3.2.1-</del> The <del>patient</del> <b>individual</b> has been started on rituximab for rheumatoid arthritis in a Health NZ hospital; and<br>3.3.2. <del>3.2.2-</del> Either:<br>3.3.2.1. <del>3.2.1.1-</del> The <del>patient</del> <b>individual</b> has experienced intolerable side effects <del>from</del> <b>with</b> rituximab; or<br>3.3.2.2. <del>3.2.1.2-</del> At four months following the initial course of rituximab the <del>patient</del> <b>individual</b> has received insufficient benefit such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for rheumatoid arthritis. |  |                    |        |                      |

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Continuation – Rheumatoid Arthritis

Rheumatologist

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

Either:

1. Following 6 months' initial treatment, the patient has **individual has experienced** at least a 50% decrease in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to treatment in the opinion of the physician; or
2. On subsequent reapplications, the patient demonstrates **individual has experienced** at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to treatment in the opinion of the physician.

Initiation – Atopic dermatitis

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

Either:

1. Individual is currently on treatment with upadacitinib for atopic dermatitis and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or
2. All of the following:
  - 2.1. Individual has moderate to severe atopic dermatitis, severity as defined by an Eczema Area and Severity Index (EASI) score of greater than or equal to 16 or a Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI) score of greater than or equal 10; and
  - 2.2. Individual has received insufficient benefit from topical therapy (including topical corticosteroids or topical calcineurin inhibitors) for a 28-day trial within the last 6 months, unless contraindicated to all; and
  - 2.3. Individual has trialled and received insufficient benefit from at least one systemic therapy for a minimum of three months (eg ciclosporin, azathioprine, methotrexate or mycophenolate mofetil), unless contraindicated to all; and
  - 2.4. An EASI assessment or DLQI assessment has been completed for at least the most recent prior treatment course, preferably while still on treatment but no longer than 1 month following cessation of each prior treatment course; and
  - 2.5. The most recent EASI or DQLI assessment is no more than 1 month old at the time of application.

Continuation – Atopic dermatitis

*Re-assessment required after 12 months*

Either:

1. Individual has received a 75% or greater reduction in EASI score (EASI 75) as compared to baseline EASI prior to commencing upadacitinib; or
2. Individual has received a DLQI improvement of 4 or more as compared to baseline DLQI prior to commencing upadacitinib.

Initiation – Crohn's disease – adult

*Re-assessment required after 6 months*

Either:

1. Individual is currently on treatment with upadacitinib for Crohn's disease and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or
2. Both:
  - 2.1. Individual has active Crohn's disease; and
  - 2.2. Either:
    - 2.2.1. Individual has had an initial approval for prior biologic therapy and has experienced intolerable side effects or insufficient benefit to meet renewal criteria; or
    - 2.2.2. Both:
      - 2.2.2.1. Individual meets the initiation criteria for prior biologic therapies for Crohn's disease; and
      - 2.2.2.2. Other biologic therapies for Crohn's disease are contraindicated.

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**Continuation – Crohn's disease – adult**

***Re-assessment required after 2 years***

**Any of the following:**

1. CDAI score has reduced by 100 points from the CDAI score when the individual was initiated on biologic therapy; or
2. HBI score has reduced by 3 points from when individual was initiated on biologic therapy; or
3. CDAI score is 150 or less; or
4. HBI score is 4 or less; or
5. The individual has experienced an adequate response to treatment, but CDAI score cannot be assessed.

**Initiation – Crohn's disease – children**

***Re-assessment required after 6 months***

**Either:**

1. Individual is currently on treatment with upadacitinib for Crohn's disease and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or
2. Both:
  - 2.1. Child has active Crohn's disease; and
  - 2.2. Either:
    - 2.2.1. Child has had an initial approval for prior biologic therapy for Crohn's disease and has experienced intolerable side effects or insufficient benefit to meet renewal criteria; or
    - 2.2.2. Both:
      - 2.2.2.1. Child meets the initiation criteria for prior biologic therapies for Crohn's disease; and
      - 2.2.2.2. Other biologic therapies for Crohn's disease are contraindicated.

**Continuation – Crohn's disease – children**

***Re-assessment required after 2 years***

**Any of the following:**

1. PCDAI score has reduced by 10 points from when the child was initiated on treatment; or
2. PCDAI score is 15 or less; or
3. The child has experienced an adequate response to treatment, but PCDAI score cannot be assessed.

**Note:** Indications marked with \* are unapproved indications.

**Initiation – Ulcerative colitis**

***Re-assessment required after 6 months***

**Either:**

1. Individual is currently on treatment with upadacitinib for ulcerative colitis and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment; or
2. Both:
  - 2.1. Individual has active ulcerative colitis; and
  - 2.2. Either:
    - 2.2.1. Individual has had an initial approval for prior biologic therapy for ulcerative colitis and has experienced intolerable side effects or insufficient benefit to meet renewal criteria; or
    - 2.2.2. Both:
      - 2.2.2.1. Individual meets the initiation criteria for prior biologic therapies for ulcerative colitis; and
      - 2.2.2.2. Other biologic therapies for ulcerative colitis are contraindicated.

**Continuation – Ulcerative colitis**

***Re-assessment required after 2 years***

**Either:**

1. The SCCAI score has reduced by 2 points or more from the SCCAI score when the individual was initiated on treatment; or
2. PUCAI score has reduced by 10 points or more from the PUCAI score when the individual was initiated on treatment.

|  | Price<br>(ex man. Excl. GST)<br>\$ | Per | Brand or<br>Generic<br>Manufacturer |
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### RESPIRATORY SYSTEM AND ALLERGIES

|  |  |       |          |   |
|--|--|-------|----------|---|
| 257  | FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE (↑ price, addition of PSS and amended presentation)<br><b>Metered dose nasal spray 50 mcg per dose</b><br>– 5% DV Feb-26 to 2028..... | 2.57  | 120 dose | <b>Flixonase Hayfever &amp; Allergy</b> |
| 257  | PROMETHAZINE HYDROCHLORIDE (delisting)<br>Oral liq 1 mg per ml.....  | 10.47 | 100 ml   | Phenergan Elixir                        |
| Note – Phenergan Elixir oral liq 1 mg per ml, 100 ml to be delisted 1 July 2025. |  |       |          |   |

### VARIOUS

|   |   |                  |       |                                      |
|---|---|------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 276   | DIATRIZOATE MEGLUMINE WITH SODIUM AMIDOTRIZOATE (delisting)<br>Oral liquid 660 mg per ml with sodium amidotrizoate<br>100 mg per ml, 100 ml bottle..... | 496.80<br>399.00 | 10 ml | Gastrografin Ger<br>Gastrografin S29 |
| Note – Gastrografin Ger and Gastrografin S29 oral liquid 660 mg per ml with sodium amidotrizoate 100 mg per ml, 100 ml bottle to be delisted 1 June 2025. |   |                  |       |                                      |

### SPECIAL FOODS

|  |   |      |   |                             |
|--|---|------|---|-----------------------------|
| 300  | ENTERAL FEED 1.5 KCAL/ML (new listing)<br>→ Liquid 6 g protein, 18.5 g carbohydrate and 5.8 g fat per 100 ml,<br>1,000 ml bottle..... | 9.00 | 1 | Nutrison Energy             |
|  | → Liquid 6 g protein, 18.4 g carbohydrate, 5.8 g fat and 1.5 g fibre<br>per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle.....                              | 8.68 | 1 | Nutrison Energy Multi Fibre |
| Note – Nutrison Energy liquid 6 g protein, 18.3 g carbohydrate and 5.8 g fat per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle listing is for Pharmacode 2703289 and Nutrison Energy Multi Fibre liquid 6 g protein, 18.4 g carbohydrate, 5.8 g fat and 1.5 g fibre per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle listing is for Pharmacode 2703297. |   |      |   |                             |
| 300  | ENTERAL FEED 1.5 KCAL/ML (delisting)<br>→ Liquid 6 g protein, 18.3 g carbohydrate and 5.8 g fat per 100 ml,<br>1,000 ml bottle.....   | 9.00 | 1 | Nutrison Energy             |
|  | → Liquid 6 g protein, 18.4 g carbohydrate, 5.8 g fat and 1.5 g fibre<br>per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle.....                              | 8.68 | 1 | Nutrison Energy Multi Fibre |
| Note – Nutrison Energy liquid 6 g protein, 18.3 g carbohydrate and 5.8 g fat per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle and Nutrison Energy Multi Fibre liquid 6 g protein, 18.4 g carbohydrate, 5.8 g fat and 1.5 g fibre per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle to be delisted 1 January 2026.                                       |   |      |   |                             |
| 300  | ENTERAL FEED 1 KCAL/ML (new listing)<br>→ Liquid 4 g protein, 12.4 g carbohydrate and 3.9 g fat per 100 ml,<br>1,000 ml bottle.....   | 6.90 | 1 | Nutrison RTH                |
|  | → Liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate, 3.9 g fat and 1.5 g fibre<br>per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle.....                              | 7.21 | 1 | Nutrison Multi Fibre        |
| Note – Nutrison RTH liquid 4 g protein, 12.4 g carbohydrate and 3.9 g fat per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle listing is for Pharmacode 2703262 and Nutrison Multi Fibre liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate, 3.9 g fat and 1.5 g fibre per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle listing is for Pharmacode 2703270.           |   |      |   |                             |

|  | Price<br>(ex man. Excl. GST)<br>\$ | Per | Brand or<br>Generic<br>Manufacturer |
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| 300 | ENTERAL FEED 1 KCAL/ML (delisting)  |      |                        |
|     | → Liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate and 3.9 g fat per 100 ml,<br>1,000 ml bottle.....   | 6.90 | 1 Nutrison RTH         |
|     | → Liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate, 3.9 g fat and 1.5 g fibre<br>per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle.....  | 7.21 | 1 Nutrison Multi Fibre |
|     | Note – Nutrison RTH liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate and 3.9 g fat per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle and Nutrison Multi Fibre liquid 4 g protein, 12.3 g carbohydrate, 3.9 g fat and 1.5 g fibre per 100 ml, 1,000 ml bottle to be delisted to be delisted 1 January 2026. |      |                        |

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