
Bulletin #38

Manitoba Drug Benefits and Interchangeability Formulary Amendments



Copies of the consolidated regulations for Pharmacare benefits and interchangeable drugs (including the enclosed amendments), will be available, along with a copy of this bulletin on the Internet on December 18 , 2002.

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mdbif>

The following changes will be made to the Pharmacare

benefit list effective
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Part 1 Additions

DIN	TRADE NAME	GENERIC	DOSAGE	FORM	MFG*
02243541 02243542 02243543	Agenerase	amprenavir	50 mg 150 mg 15 mg/mL	Capsules Oral Solution	GSK
02244914	Alti-salbutamol HFA	salbutamol	100 mcg	Metered Dose Inhaler	ALT
02245232 02245233	Apo-Clindamycin	clindamycin	150 mg 300 mg	Capsules	APX
02244638	Apo-Clobazam	clobazam	10 mg	Tablets	APX
02245208 02245209 02245210	Apo-Lamotrigine	lamotrigine	25 mg 100 mg 150 mg	Tablets	APX
02244726 02244727	Apo-Medroxy	medroxyprogesterone acetate	2.5 mg 5 mg	Tablets	APX
02245618	Apo-Warfarin	warfarin sodium	3 mg	Tablets	APX
02245522 02245523 02245524	Clobetasol Propionate	clobetasol propionate	0.05% 0.05% 0.05%	Solution Cream Ointment	TAR
02243763	Comtan	entacapone	200 mg	Tablets	NVT
02244291 02244292 02244293	Flovent HFA	fluticasone propionate	50 mcg 125 mcg 250 mcg	Metered Dose Inhaler	GSK
02245372 02245373	Gen-Propafenone	propafenone HCl	150 mg 300 mg	Tablets	GPM
02243643 02243644	Kaletra	lopinavir/ritonavir	133.3/33.3 mg 80/20 mg/mL	Capsules Oral Solution	ABB
02244550 02244551 02244552	Pamidronate Disodium	pamidronate disodium	3 mg/ mL 6 mg/ mL 9 mg/ mL	Injection	FLD
02245284 02245285 02245286	pms-Morphine Sulfate SR	morphine sulphate	15 mg 30 mg 60 mg	Tablets	PMS
02245532	pms-Prednisolone	prednisolone sodium phosphate	5 mg/5 mL	Oral Solution	PMS
02245688	ratio-Topisalic	betamethasone dipropionate/ salicylic acid	0.05%	Lotion	RAT

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02244403 02244404	Taro-Carbamazepine	carbamazepine	100 mg 200 mg	Chewable Tablets	TAR
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* Abbreviation of Manufacturer' Names

Part 1 Deletion

01981501	Botox	botulinum toxin	100 units	Vial	ALL
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Part 2 Additions and Amendments

• Apo-Amoxi Clav	amoxicillin, potassium clavulanate	25/6.25 mg/mL 50/12.5 mg/mL	Suspension	APX
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- (a) For treatment of patients not responding to alternative antibiotics (e.g. amoxicillin);
- (b) For treatment of patient with infections caused by organisms known to be resistant to alternative antibiotics (e.g. amoxicillin).

Part 2 Deletions

02212005	Apo-Loperamide	loperamide	2mg	Caplets	APX
02229552	Diarr-eze	loperamide	2 mg	Caplets	PMS
008607043 Old Din New Din 02183862	Imodium	loperamide	2 mg	Caplets	MCN
02132591	Novo-Loperamide	loperamide	2 mg	Caplets	NOP
02228351	pms-Loperamide	loperamide	2 mg	Caplets	PMS
02233998	Rhoxal-Loperamide	loperamide	2 mg	Caplets	RXP

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Part 3

The following products will be considered for Pharmacare reimbursement upon an individual prescriber/patient request basis.

• Gen-Nabumetone	nabumetone	500 mg	Tablets	GPM
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- Where at least two other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have been tried and failed or were not tolerated.

• Tracleer	bosentan	62.5 mg 125 mg	Tablets	ACT
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- Primary Pulmonary Hypertension (Class 3 and 4) refractory to conventional treatment with vasodilators and anticoagulants, or Secondary Pulmonary Hypertension due to Scleroderma Spectrum of Diseases (SSD) who have isolated hypertension of Class 3 or Class 4. Patients should have failed with vasodilators. Patients with lung involvement are excluded.

• Botox	botulinum toxin	100 Units	Vial	ALL
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For the treatment of:

- eye dystonias, ie: blepharospasm and strabismus
- cervical dystonia, ie: torticollis
- other forms of severe spasticity
- hyperhidrosis of the axilla

• Loperamide	loperamide	2 mg	Caplets
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For the treatment of:

- an ileostomy or a colostomy;
- bowel resection, including short bowel syndrome;
- Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, ie; Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis;
- cancer, including chemotherapy or radiation therapy;
- HIV/AIDS
- fecal incontinence

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Drugs reviewed but not recommended for Pharmacare reimbursement at this time:

• Hectorol	doxercalciferol	2.5 mcg	Capsules	DRX
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New Interchangeable Categories

The following new interchangeable categories and products were added:

• Generic Name			
DIN	Trade Name	Manufacturer	Price in Cents

• Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid - 25/6.25 mg/mL - Oral Suspension			
01916882	Clavulin 125 F	GSK	10.86
02243986	Apo-Amoxi Clav	APX	7.95

• Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid - 50/12.5 mg/mL - Oral Suspension			
01916874	Clavulin 250 F	GSK	18.24
02243987	Apo-Amoxi Clav	APX	13.40

• Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.5 mg/gm and Salicylic Acid 20 mg/gm - Lotion			
00578428	Diprosalic	SCH	65.97
02245688	ratio-Topisalic	RAT	38.77

• Carbamazepine - 100 mg - Chewable Tablets			
00369810	Tegretol	NVT	13.46
02244403	Taro-Carbamazepine	TAR	9.42

• Carbamazepine - 200 mg - Chewable Tablets			
00665088	Tegretol	NVT	26.55
02244404	Taro-Carbamazepine	TAR	18.58

• Floctafenine - 200 mg - Tablets			
02017628	Idarac	SAW	39.93
02244680	Apo-Floctafenine	APX	31.95

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• Floctafenine - 400 mg - Tablets			
02017636	Idarac	SAW	69.54
02244681	Apo-Floctafenine	APX	55.65

• Lamotrigine - 25 mg - Tablets			
02142082	Lamictal	GSK	33.15
02245208	Apo-Lamotrigine	APX	25.55

• Lamotrigine - 100 mg - Tablets			
02142104	Lamictal	GSK	132.60
02245209	Apo-Lamotrigine	APX	102.10

• Lamotrigine - 150 mg - Tablets			
02142112	Lamictal	GSK	198.90
02245210	Apo-Lamotrigine	APX	153.15

• Pamidronate Disodium - 3 mg/mL – Injection			Per mL
02059762	Aredia	NVT	\$17.33
02244550	Pamidronate Disodium	FLD	\$11.00

• Pamidronate Disodium - 9 mg/mL – Injection			Per mL
02059789	Aredia	NVT	\$51.98
02244552	Pamidronate Disodium	FLD	\$33.00

• Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate - 5 mg/5 mL - Oral Solution			
02230619	Pediapred	AVE	10.55
02245532	Pms-Prednisolone	PMS	8.43

New Interchangeable Products

The following products have been added to existing interchangeable drug categories:

			Price in Cents
• Clindamycin HCl - 150 mg - Capsules			
02245232	Apo-Clindamycin	APX	**53.80
• Clindamycin HCl - 300 mg - Capsules			
02245233	Apo-Clindamycin	APX	**107.59
• Clobazam - 10 mg - Tablets			
02244638	Apo-Clobazam	APX	**23.67
• Clobetasol - 17 - Propionate - 0.05% - Cream			
02245523	Clobetasol Propionate	TAR	44.74
• Clobetasol - 17 - Propionate - 0.05% - Ointment			
02245524	Clobetasol Propionate	TAR	44.74
• Clobetasol - 17 - Propionate - 0.05% - Scalp Lotion			
02245522	Clobetasol Propionate	TAR	39.22
• Medroxyprogesterone Acetate - 2.5 mg - Tablets			
02244726	Apo-Medroxy	APX	8.75
• Medroxyprogesterone Acetate - 5 mg - Tablets			
02244727	Apo-Medroxy	APX	**17.25
• Morphine Sulfate - 15 mg - Sustained Release Tablets			
02245284	pms-Morphine Sulfate SR	PMS	45.85
• Morphine Sulfate - 30 mg - Sustained Release Tablets			
02245285	pms-Morphine Sulfate SR	PMS	69.23
• Morphine Sulfate - 60 mg - Sustained Release Tablets			
02245286	pms-Morphine Sulfate SR	PMS	122.04

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• Nabumetone - 500 mg - Tablets			
02244563	Gen-Nabumetone	GPM	55.28
• Propafenone HCl - 150 mg - Tablets			
02245372	Gen-Propafenone	GPM	74.97
• Propafenone HCl - 300 mg - Tablets			
02245373	Gen-Propafenone	GPM	132.17
• Salbutamol - 200 dose 0.100 mg/dose - Metered Dose Inhaler			
02244914	Alti-salbutamol HFA	ALT	2.97
• Warfarin Sodium - 3 mg - Tablets			
02245618	Apo-Warfarin	APX	**25.70

**** The price change has resulted in a change to the lowest price in the category.**

() Denotes the price of the lowest generic product in the product category.

Product Deletions

The following products have been deleted (notification was provided in Bulletin 37).

00016306	Elavil Pamoate	amitriptyline pamoate	10 mg/5 mL	Syrup
00782742	Flexeril	cyclobenzaprine HCl	10 mg	Tablets
00016500	Hydrodiuril	hydrochlorothiazide	25 mg	Tablets
00534609	Intal	sodium cromoglycate	1%	Nebulizer Solution
02170027 Old din 00346799	Loxapac	loxapine succinate	10 mg	Tablets
02170132	Loxapac	loxapine succinate	25 mg	Tablets
02170078	Myambutol	ethambutol HCl	400 mg	Tablets
01908294	Noroxin	norfloxacin	0.3%	Ophthalmic Solution
02230362	Norventyl	nortriptyline	25 mg	Capsules
02043521	Reglan	metoclopramide HCl	10 mg	Tablets
01989782	Surgam	tiaprofenic acid	200 mg	Tablets

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00364126	Tolectin	tolectin sodium	200 mg	Tablets
00632740	Tolectin	tolectin sodium	600 mg	Tablets
00484938	Tolectin	tolectin sodium	400 mg	Capsules
02142023	Ultradol	etodolac	200 mg	Capsules

The following products have been deleted:

00811971	Bacitracin/ Neomycin/ Polymyxin	polymyxin B sulfate - neomycin sulfate - zinc bacitracin -	10,000 U - 5 mg - 400 U/g	Ophthalmic Ointment
00000396	Colchicine	colchicine	0.6 mg	Tablets
00287873	Colchicine	colchicine	0.6 mg	Tablets
02023725	Diocarpine	pilocarpine HCl	1%	Ophthalmic Solution
02023741	Diocarpine	pilocarpine HCl	2%	Ophthalmic Solution
02023733	Diocarpine	pilocarpine HCl	4%	Ophthalmic Solution
00016519	Hydrodiuril	hydrochlorothiazide	50 mg	Tablets
00354317	Hydrodiuril	hydrochlorothiazide	100 mg	Tablets
00360481	Ludiomil	maprotiline	25 mg	Tablets
00360503	Ludiomil	maprotiline	50 mg	Tablets
00360511	Ludiomil	maprotiline	75 mg	Tablets
00599956	Mexitil	mexiletine HCl	100 mg	Capsules
00599964	Mexitil	mexiletine HCl	200 mg	Capsules
02134896	Miocarpine	pilocarpine HCl	4%	Ophthalmic Solution
01931512	Orudis	ketoprofen	50 mg	Suppositories
01913050	Oruvail	ketoprofen	150 mg	Capsules
01913069	Oruvail	ketoprofen	200 mg	Capsules
02213036	Pilocarpine	pilocarpine HCl	1%	Ophthalmic Solution
02213044	Pilocarpine	pilocarpine HCl	2%	Ophthalmic Solution
02213052	Pilocarpine	pilocarpine HCl	4%	Ophthalmic Solution
00178993	Quinine Sulfate	quinine sulfate	200 mg	Capsules
00179000	Quinine Sulfate	quinine sulfate	300 mg	Capsules
00811998	Sulfacetamide Sodium	sulfacetamide sodium	10%	Ophthalmic Ointment

Category Deletions

The following categories have been deleted:

- Colchicine - 0.6 mg - Tablets
- Etodolac - 200 mg Capsules
- Ketoprofen - 50 mg - Suppositories
- Ketoprofen - 150 mg - Capsules
- Ketoprofen - 200 mg - Capsules
- Maprotiline - 25 mg - Tablets
- Maprotiline - 50 mg - Tablets
- Maprotiline - 75 mg - Tablets
- Mexiletine HCl - 100 mg - Capsules
- Mexiletine HCl - 200 mg - Capsules
- Pilocarpine HCl - 1% - Ophthalmic Solution
- Pilocarpine HCl - 2% - Ophthalmic Solution
- Pilocarpine HCl - 4% - Ophthalmic Solution
- Polymyxin B Sulfate - Neomycin Sulfate - Zinc Bacitracin - 10,000 U-5 mg - 400 U/g - Ophthalmic Ointment
- Sulfacetamide Sodium - 10 % - Ophthalmic Ointment

Interchangeable Product Price Changes

The following changes in prices have occurred:

02239944	Ketorolac Tromethamine	ketorolac tromethamine	30 mg/mL	Injection	386.00
02237373	Lin-Pravastatin	pravastatin sodium	10 mg	Tablets	104.83
02036290	Monitan	acebutolol HCl	100mg	Tablets	17.93
02036436	Monitan	acebutolol HCl	200 mg	Tablets	26.84
02036444	Monitan	acebutolol HCl	400 mg	Tablets	53.33
00021008	Novo-Quinine	quinine sulfate	200 mg	Capsules	28.00
00021016	Novo-Quinine	quinine sulfate	300 mg	Capsules	43.64
00695440	Quinine-Odan	quinine sulfate	200 mg	Capsules	**26.29
00695459	Quinine-Odan	quinine sulfate	300 mg	Capsules	**42.25
00653241	ratio-Lenoltec No. 2 (previously called Lenoltec No. 2)	acetaminophen compound with codeine	15 mg	Tablets	**6.54

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00653276	ratio-Lenoltec No. 3 (previously called Lenoltec No. 3)	acetaminophen compound with codeine	30 mg	Tablets	**7.20
02244999	sab-Pentason	betamethasone disodium phosphate and gentamicin sulphate	1 mg/3mg/mL	Ophthalmic/Otic Solution	**140.95
02229550	Triamcinolone	triamcinolone acetonide	40 mg/mL	Injection	**605.00

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() Denotes the price of the lowest generic product in the product category.

Discontinued Products

Notice has been received from the manufacturer that the following products have been discontinued. They will be deleted with the next Formulary amendments.

02169908	Asendin	amoxapine	100 mg	Tablets
02238028	Fexicam	piroxicam	20 mg	Suppositories
02042193	Inderal	propranolol HCl	20 mg	Tablets
02042207	Inderal	propranolol HCl	40 mg	Tablets
02133296	Inflamase mild	prednisolone phosphate sodium	0.125%	Ophthalmic Solution
02042622	Isordil	isosorbide dinitrate	10 mg	Tablets
02238071	Neptazane	methazolamide	50 mg	Tablets
02048523	Novo-Timol	timolol maleate	0.25%	Ophthalmic Solution
01926403	Orudis	ketoprofen	50 mg	Capsules
01926381	Orudis E-50	ketoprofen	50 mg	Enteric Coated Tablets

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Manufacturer Updates

The following DINS have been transferred to Pharmascience Inc. (PMS)

00015229	Aventyl	nortriptyline	10 mg	Capsules
00015237	Aventyl	nortriptyline	25 mg	Capsules
00778338	Axid	nizatidine	150 mg	Capsules
00778346	Axid	nizatidine	300 mg	Capsules
00465186	Ceclor	cefaclor	250 mg	Capsules
00465194	Ceclor	cefaclor	500 mg	Capsules
00465208	Ceclor Oral Suspension	cefaclor	125 mg/5 mL	Oral Suspension
00465216	Ceclor Oral Suspension	cefaclor	250 mg/5 mL	Oral Suspension
00832804	Ceclor Oral Suspension	cefaclor	375 mg/5 mL	Oral Suspension

HEALTH CANADA INFORMATION

Health Canada has issued important Advisories for the following drugs:

On May 30, 2002, Schering Canada Inc., the manufacturer of Garasone and Garamycin, sent a "Dear Healthcare Professional" letter to healthcare workers to warn of the risk of toxicity with the use of topical Garasone and Garamycin ear drops in patients with perforated tympanic membranes.

On June 25, 2002 and July 4, 2002, Janssen-Ortho Inc. and Ortho Biotech-Consumer Information, the manufacturers of Eprex (epoetin alfa), sent a "Dear Healthcare Professional" letter to healthcare workers and an advisory to consumers to inform about Pure Red Cell Aplasia.

On July 18, 2002, Sigma-Tau Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the manufacturer of Matulane (procarbazine hydrochloride) capsules (formerly marketed under the name Natulan), sent a "Dear Healthcare Professional" letter to healthcare workers to inform about the development of lung cancer as a secondary nonlymphoid malignancy in Hodgkin's patients receiving the MOPP regimen (mechlorethamine, vincristine, procarbazine and prednisone) as therapy.

In July 2002, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Inc., the manufacturer of Lioresal intrathecal (baclofen), sent a "Dear Healthcare Professional" letter to healthcare workers to warn about rare cases of intrathecal baclofen withdrawal that can lead to life threatening sequelae and/or death in patients who abruptly discontinue therapy.

- The above information can be accessed on the Internet at:
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/adviss_ind_e.html