



THE DRUG TARIFF 1981, AMENDMENT NO. 6

PURSUANT to section 99 of the Social Security Act 1964, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following direction.

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DIRECTION

1. Title and commencement—(1) This direction may be cited as the Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 6, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Drug Tariff 1981* (hereinafter referred to as the Tariff).

(2) This direction shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1983.

(3) For the purpose of applying the Tariff after the commencement of this direction, but without affecting the validity or consequences of anything that has been done before the commencement of this direction, the Tariff shall have effect as if this amendment were the only amendment to the Tariff that had ever been made.

2. Scope of direction—Clause 3 (2) of the Tariff shall be read as if the following paragraphs were added:

“(o) Lubricating jellies and catheter lubricants:

“(p) Sterile diluents for nebulising solutions:

“(q) Unless it is specified in Part II of the Schedule to this direction that they be in such a form, substances for transdermal delivery.”

*S.R. 1981/171

Amendment No. 1: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 2: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 3: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 4: (*Revoked*)

Amendment No. 5: 1982/228

3. Prices for pharmaceutical requirements—(1) Clause 5 (6) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression “10”, there were substituted the expression “15”.

(2) Clause 5 (7) of the Tariff shall be read as if, for the expression “25”, there were substituted the expression “35”.

4. Water—Clause 15 of the Tariff shall be read as if subclause (2) were revoked.

5. Claims on Department—Clause 18 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclause (2), there were substituted the following subclause:

“(2) Where the claim relates to or includes any prescription or order that was last dispensed more than 3 months before the date on which the claim is first received by the Medical Officer of Health, the amount due to the contractor in respect of every such prescription or order so dispensed shall, unless the contractor satisfies the Medical Officer of Health that he has a reasonable excuse for his delay in submitting the claim, and subject to any general or special directions given by the Director-General, be reduced by a discount of 20 percent:

“Provided that the amount due shall not be reduced by the said discount in any case where a prescription is endorsed ‘extended supply’ and is fulfilled in part only and is received by the Medical Officer of Health for payment within 6 months of the date of initial dispensing, or within 9 months in the case of a prescription form including an oral contraceptive.”

6. Payment for plastic syringes—The Tariff shall be read as if, after clause 20, there were inserted the following clause:

“20A. Payment to a contractor in respect of plastic syringes allowed under the Schedule to this direction shall be computed by adding together the cost price of the requirements, 15 percent of that cost price, the appropriate professional fee, and the average container charge.”

7. Period and quantity of supply where prescription written by medical practitioner—Clause 23 of the Tariff shall be read as if, after paragraph (a), there were inserted the following paragraph:

“(aa) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this clause, where the medical practitioner prescribes a pharmaceutical requirement specified in the Schedule to this direction as being subject to ‘antibiotic restriction’, payment may be made for only such amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding 4 days and, where the prescription specifies a repeat, for only such further amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for one further period not exceeding 4 days, unless the prescription is endorsed ‘extended supply’, and specifies in it the quantity required or the period for which treatment is required, in which case payment may be made for the actual quantity dispensed if that quantity does not exceed that necessary to provide treatment for a period of 3 months:

“Provided that where a patient is receiving an extended supply of such a requirement, that requirement shall be dispensed in monthly lots, unless—

“(i) The medical practitioner endorses the prescription with a statement of the period for which each lot is to be dispensed; or

“(ii) The contractor or the patient endorses the back of the prescription with a statement of the special reasons why a greater quantity is required to be dispensed:”.

8. Period and quantity of supply where prescription written by dentist—Clause 25 of the Tariff shall be read as if, after paragraph (a), there were inserted the following paragraph:

“(aa) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this clause, where the dentist prescribes a pharmaceutical requirement specified in the Schedule to this direction as being subject to ‘antibiotic restriction’, payment may be made for only such amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for a period not exceeding 4 days and, where the prescription specifies a repeat, for only such further amount of the requirement as is sufficient to provide treatment for one further period not exceeding 4 days:”.

9. Original packs, and certain antibiotics—The Tariff shall be read as if for clause 26, there were substituted the following clause:

“26. (1) Notwithstanding clauses 23 to 25 of this direction, if a practitioner orders a pharmaceutical requirement that is packed in collapsible tubes, dropper bottles, or other special containers from which it is not practicable to dispense lesser amounts, every reference in those clauses to an amount for which payment may be made shall be deemed to be a reference—

“(a) Where an amount of the requirement is specified in the prescription, to the smallest amount sufficient to provide the amount specified that it is practicable to dispense; and

“(b) In every other case, to the amount contained in the smallest container of the requirement that is manufactured in or imported into New Zealand.

“(2) If a practitioner orders, in an amount that does not coincide with the amount of a standard pack or any number of standard packs of the requirement, the liquid oral form of an antibiotic that requires the addition of a diluent at the time of dispensing, payment may be made for a standard pack or a combination of standard packs (instead of for the quantity prescribed in accordance with clause 23 or clause 25, as the case may be) only if the contractor satisfies the Department that he has not been able to dispense the balance of that pack or of those packs.”

10. Practitioner’s supply orders—Clause 28 of the Tariff shall be read as if, for subclause (1), there were substituted the following subclause:

“(1) Notwithstanding anything in this direction, a practitioner may obtain, pursuant to a practitioner’s supply order, such pharmaceutical requirements as he expects to be required for personal administration to patients under his care, if the quantities ordered are reasonable for up to 1 month’s supply in the conditions obtaining in his practice; but no payment will be made for any pharmaceutical requirement that is specifically restricted in the Schedule to this direction. The practitioner may be called upon to justify the amounts ordered.”

11. Definition of “Antibiotic restriction”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, after clause 1, there were inserted the following clause:

“1A. ‘Antibiotic restriction’ means that payment for prescriptions for oral forms of the pharmaceutical requirement may be made only in accordance with clause 23 (aa) or clause 25 (aa) of this direction (as the case requires).”

12. Definition of “Diabetic syringes”—Part I of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if, after clause 3, there were inserted the following clause:

“3A. ‘Diabetic syringes’ means that payment may be made for up to 13 plastic syringes with attached needles as a single supply if the prescription is written on the same prescription form as a prescription for 3 months supply of insulin, or as a single supply, for up to 1 plastic syringe with attached needle for every week’s supply of insulin prescribed if the prescription for insulin calls for less than 3 months supply.”

13. Certain pharmaceutical requirements deleted from Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if the pharmaceutical requirements specified in the First Schedule to this direction were deleted.

14. Certain pharmaceutical requirements added to Part II of Schedule to Tariff—Part II of the Schedule to the Tariff shall be read as if it included the pharmaceutical requirements specified in the Second Schedule to this direction and as if those requirements were available to the extent specified in that Schedule.

15. Revocation—The Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 5* is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Cl. 13

Deletions

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Amoxicillin trihydrate	Except in any topical application
Aminophylline with ephedrine hydrochloride, and amylobarbitone capsules	...
Aminophylline with ephedrine hydrochloride, and amylobarbitone tablets	...
Aminophylline with ephedrine sulphate, and phenobarbitone tablets	...
Ampicillin and its salts	Except in any topical application
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion...	Retail Pharmacy—specialist more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days treatment, inclusive of any repeats
Ascorbic acid	Except tablets exceeding 100 mg each. In other cases not exceeding a strength of 100 mg per dose
Aspirin, soluble, tablets BP... ..	...
Bendrofluzide with potassium chloride tablets	...
Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection ...	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist
Cefaclor monohydrate capsules and oral suspension	Hospital Pharmacy
Cephalexin monohydrate	Hospital Pharmacy
Cephadrine	Hospital Pharmacy
Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters...	Retail Pharmacy—specialist, or as an ingredient of a chloramphenicol topical preparation listed in this direction
Chymotrypsin injection	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist
Clindamycin and its salts	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Clomiphene citrate	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Cloxacillin sodium ... ..	...
Contraceptives, diaphragms as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—only on a prescription
Contraceptives, spermicidal agents as approved by the Director-General, together with applicator when specified	Approved condition—only on a prescription
Co-trimoxazole ... ..	...
Cyclopenthiazine with guanethidine sulphate and potassium chloride tablets	...
Cyclopenthiazine with potassium chloride tablets	...
Cyclopenthiazine with reserpine and potassium chloride tablets	...
Demeclocycline hydrochloride capsules 150 mg	...
Dithranol ... ..	...
Doxycycline hydrochloride capsules 100 mg, tablets 100 mg and injection	...
Epicillin ... ..	...
Erythromycin and its salts and esters ...	Except in any topical application unless such an application is elsewhere listed in this direction
Flucloxacillin ... ..	...
Flufenamic acid capsules	Hospital Pharmacy
Framycetin sulphate tablets	Hospital Pharmacy
Glucose oxidase with peroxidase diagnostic strips for insulin using diabetics as approved by the Director-General (blood testing)	(a) Retail Pharmacy—specialist (b) Not available on a practitioner's supply order

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

Deletions—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
*Hydroxyprogesterone hexanoate ... ..	...
Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin suspension	Hospital Pharmacy
Lincomycin hydrochloride	Except in any topical application
Loperamide hydrochloride capsules	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Lymecycline capsules 150 mg and capsules 300 mg	...
Mebendazole tablets ... ..	...
Mefenamic acid capsules	Hospital Pharmacy
Minocycline hydrochloride capsules 100 mg ...	...
Neomycin and its salts for oral or parenteral use	Hospital Pharmacy
Nicotinic acid	Not exceeding a strength of 500 mg per dose
Nicotinyl alcohol long-acting tablets and tablets	...
Oxytetracycline dihydrate tablets 250 mg ...	...
Oxytetracycline hydrochloride capsules 250 mg and injection	...
Phenoxyethylpenicillin capsules ... ..	...
Phenoxyethylpenicillin and its salts	Except in any topical application
Phenoxyethylpenicillin hydrabamine	Except in any topical application
Phenoxyethylpenicillin tablets ... ..	...
Phthalylsulphathiazole ... ..	...
Pivampicillin and its salts	Except in any topical application
Pivmecillinam hydrochloride tablets	Hospital Pharmacy
Rauwolfia (whole root), standardised and hydroflumethiazide with potassium chloride tablets	...
Spirit, cologne, industrial	In combination, only on the prescription of a practitioner
Sulphadiazine ... ..	...
Sulphadimidine ... ..	...
Sulphadimidine mixture for infants BPC ... ..	...
Sulphafurazole and derivatives ... ..	...
Sulphaguanidine ... ..	...
Sulphamethizole ... ..	...
Sulphaphenazole ... ..	...
Sulphapyridine ... ..	...
Sulphonamides, triple, mixture and tablets as approved by the Director-General	...
Tetracycline hydrochloride capsules 250 mg and capsules 500 mg	...
Tetracycline hydrochloride tablets 250 mg and tablets 500 mg	...
Tetracycline hydrochloride, phosphate buffered, capsules 250 mg	...
Tetracycline phosphate 250 mg with nystatin capsules	...
Triacetyloleandomycin	Except in any topical application
Urea ... ..	...
Water, purified	In combination
Water for injections	(a) When prescribed on the same prescription or order form as injections requiring a solvent or diluent (b) When used in the extemporaneous compounding of eye drops
Zinc undecenoate with undecenoic acid cream and dusting powder	...

*Not included in the list of deletions set out in the First Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 5

SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 14

Additions

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Adrenaline not exceeding a strength of 0.5 percent with guanethidine sulphate eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Aluminium hydroxide with magnesium hydroxide and dimethicone mixture	...
*Amloride hydrochloride tablets ... ..	...
Aminoglutethimide tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Amoxapine tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Amoxycillin trihydrate	(a) Antibiotic restriction (b) Except in any topical application
Ampicillin sodium only as injection ... ..	...
Amyl dimethylaminobenzoate lotion	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Amyl nitrite ... ..	...
Amylobarbitone and its sodium salt	(a) Only on the prescription of a practitioner (b) On any one prescription form payment will be made for no more than a quantity sufficient for 30 days' treatment, inclusive of any repeats
Antazoline phosphate with naphazoline hydrochloride eye drops	Not exceeding 10 ml per pack
Ascorbic acid	Not exceeding a strength of 100 mg per dose
Aspirin, soluble, tablets ... ..	...
Azatadine maleate as syrup and tablets ... ..	...
Betamethasone dipropionate scalp lotion ... ..	...
Buprenorphine hydrochloride injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy—specialist; or (b) On a practitioner's supply order
Buprenorphine hydrochloride sublingual tablets	Hospital Pharmacy
Calcium carbonate with aminoacetic acid and dimethicone oral liquid	...
Captopril tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Carbaryl shampoo ... ..	...
Castor oil single dose eye drops	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Cefaclor monohydrate capsules and oral suspension	(a) Hospital Pharmacy; and (b) Antibiotic restriction
Cefamandole nafate injection	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist
Cefuroxime sodium injection	Hospital Pharmacy—specialist
Cephalexin monohydrate	(a) Hospital Pharmacy; and (b) Antibiotic restriction
Cephradine	(a) Hospital Pharmacy; and (b) Antibiotic restriction
Chloramphenicol, its salts and esters	(a) Antibiotic restriction; and (b) Retail Pharmacy—specialist; or (c) As an ingredient of a chloramphenicol topical preparation listed in this direction
Chloramphenicol single dose eye drops	Only on practitioner's supply order
Chloramphenicol with polymyxin B sulphate eye drops	...
Chymotrypsin injection	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Clindamycin hydrochloride	(a) Retail Pharmacy—specialist, unless as a topical preparation listed in this direction; and (b) Antibiotic restriction
Clindamycin hydrochloride in extemporaneously prepared skin lotions	...

*Not included in the list of additions set out in the Second Schedule to the Drug Tariff 1981, Amendment No. 5

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

Additions—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Clindamycin palmitate hydrochloride syrup ...	(a) Retail Pharmacy—specialist; and (b) Antibiotic restriction
Clindamycin phosphate only as an injection ...	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
*Clobetasone butyrate with or without neomycin sulphate as eye drops	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Clomiphene citrate tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist, only on a prescription for a female patient
Cloxacillin sodium only as an injection ...	...
Coal tar and salicylic acid ointment BP ...	...
Contraceptives, diaphragms as approved by the Director-General	Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order
Contraceptives, spermicidal agents as approved by the Director-General together with applicator when specified	Approved condition—on a prescription or a practitioner's supply order
Co-trimoxazole	Antibiotic restriction
Danthron with poloxalkol capsules ... ..	...
Demeclocycline hydrochloride capsules 150 mg	Antibiotic restriction
*Diazepam rectal tubes	Only on a practitioner's supply order
*Diclofenac sodium tablets and suppositories ...	...
*Dipivefrin hydrochloride eye drops in packs of 7.5 ml	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Dithranol only in extemporaneously compounded preparations	...
Doxycycline hydrochloride capsules 100 mg, tablets 100 mg and injection	Antibiotic restriction
Epicillin	Antibiotic restriction
Erythromycin and its salts and esters	(a) Antibiotic restriction (b) Except in any topical application unless such an application is elsewhere listed in this direction
Fenoterol hydrobromide elixir ... ..	...
*Flucloxacillin sodium capsules and syrup	Antibiotic restriction
Fluorescein sodium with lignocaine hydrochloride single dose eye drops	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Flurbiprofen tablets ... ..	...
Framycetin sulphate tablets	(a) Hospital Pharmacy; and (b) Antibiotic restriction
Glucose oxidase with peroxidase diagnostic strips for insulin using diabetics as approved by the Director-General (blood testing)	(a) Retail Pharmacy—specialist; or (b) On a practitioner's supply order
Hydrocortisone and its acetate for intra-articular injection	...
Hydrocortisone butyrate with chlorquinaldol cream and ointment	...
Hydrocortisone sodium succinate intravenous injection	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Idoxuridine with dimethyl sulphoxide if extemporaneously prepared	Not exceeding 10 ml per prescription form
Ipratropium bromide aerosol inhaler for nasal use	...
Kaolin with neomycin sulphate and pectin suspension	(a) Hospital Pharmacy; and (b) Antibiotic restriction
*Ketoprofen long-acting capsules ... ..	...
Lincomycin hydrochloride	(a) Except in any topical application (b) Antibiotic restriction
Loperamide hydrochloride as capsules ...	...
Lymecycline capsules 150 mg and capsules 300 mg	Antibiotic restriction

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SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

Additions—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Massa estarinum suppository base ... ..	...
Mebendazole tablets	Not exceeding 6 tablets per person per prescription
Mecillinam injection ... ..	...
Mefenamic acid capsules	Only on a prescription for a female patient, provided that no more than 30 capsules per month (with a maximum of 3 months supply) are prescribed
Methyclothiazide tablets ... ..	...
Miconazole tincture and oral gel ... ..	...
Miconazole nitrate powder and lotion ... ..	...
Minocycline hydrochloride capsules 100 mg	Antibiotic restriction
*Naproxen sodium tablets ... ..	...
Nefopam hydrochloride injection	(a) Hospital Pharmacy—specialist; or (b) On a practitioner's supply order
*Nefopam hydrochloride tablets	(a) Hospital Pharmacy; or (b) On a practitioner's supply order
Neomycin and its salts for oral or parenteral use	(a) Hospital Pharmacy; and (b) Antibiotic restriction
Nicotinic acid ... ..	...
Nicotinyl alcohol long-acting tablets of 150 mg and tablets	...
*Oestradiol implant tablets ... ..	...
Oxytetracycline hydrochloride capsules 250 mg	Antibiotic restriction
Paraffin liquid, light, as a bath oil	Only on the prescription of a medical practitioner
Paraffin liquid with paraffin white soft eye ointment	...
Phenoxymethylpenicillin potassium salt ...	(a) Except in any topical application (b) Antibiotic restriction
Phenoxymethylpenicillin hydrabamine ...	(a) Except in any topical application (b) Antibiotic restriction
Phenylephrine hydrochloride single dose eye drops	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Phenytoin tablets ... ..	...
Phthalylsulphathiazole	Antibiotic restriction
Piroxicam capsules ... ..	...
Pivampicillin and its salts	(a) Except in any topical application (b) Antibiotic restriction
Pivmecillinam hydrochloride	Antibiotic restriction
Polymyxin B sulphate proprietary ear drops ...	...
Silver sulphadiazine with chlorhexidine digluconate cream	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Sodium chloride injection	(a) In quantities of 50 ml or less per unit only on a prescription, or a practitioner's supply order, or a bulk supply order (b) In quantities exceeding 50 ml per unit only on a wholesale supply order
*Sodium cromoglycate aerosol inhaler for oral use	...
Sulphacetamide sodium single dose eye drops ...	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Sulphadiazine	Antibiotic restriction
Sulphadiazine sodium injection ... ..	...
Sulphadimidine	Antibiotic restriction
Sulphadimidine mixture for infants BPC ...	Antibiotic restriction
Sulphafurazole and derivatives	Antibiotic restriction

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SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

Additions—continued

Pharmaceutical Requirement	Availability
Sulphaguanidine	Antibiotic restriction
Sulphamethizole	Antibiotic restriction
Sulphaphenazole	Antibiotic restriction
Sulphapyridine	Antibiotic restriction
Sulphonamides, triple, mixture and tablets as approved by the Director-General	Antibiotic restriction
Syringes, plastic for insulin, with attached needle as approved by the Director-General	Diabetic syringes
*Testosterone undecanoate capsules	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Tetracycline hydrochloride capsules 250 mg and capsules 500 mg	Antibiotic restriction
Tetracycline hydrochloride tablets 250 mg and tablets 500 mg	Antibiotic restriction
Tetracycline hydrochloride, phosphate buffered, capsules 250 mg	Antibiotic restriction
Tetracycline phosphate 250 mg with nystatin capsules	Antibiotic restriction
*Tobramycin sulphate injection	Hospital Pharmacy
Tocainide hydrochloride injection and tablets	Retail Pharmacy—specialist
Triacetyloleandomycin	(a) Except in any topical application (b) Antibiotic restriction
Trimethoprim tablets	Antibiotic restriction
Tropicamide single dose eye drops	Only on a practitioner's supply order
Troxidone capsules ... ..	...
Urea	Except in any proprietary preparation, unless such a preparation is elsewhere listed in this direction
Water for injections	(a) In quantities of 50 ml or less per unit when prescribed on the same prescription form or practitioner's supply order as injections mentioned in this direction and requiring a solvent or diluent, or on a bulk supply order (b) In quantities exceeding 50 ml per unit only on a wholesale supply order (c) When used in the extemporaneous compounding of eye drops

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Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of February 1983.

A. G. MALCOLM, Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the direction, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This direction, which comes into force on 1 April 1983, amends the Drug Tariff 1981.

The new paragraph (q) (which is added to clause 3 (2) of the Tariff by clause 2 of this direction) ensures that devices for transdermal delivery are not automatically included in the Tariff. They must be specifically provided for.

The new clause 26 (which is substituted in the Tariff by clause 9 of this direction) deals with the case where a practitioner orders, in an amount that does not coincide with the amount of a standard pack or any number of standard packs of the requirement, the liquid oral form of an antibiotic that requires the addition of a diluent at the time of dispensing. Under the Tariff payment is made for the pack or packs of antibiotic granules for reconstitution to oral liquids regardless of the quantity prescribed. Under the amendment made by this direction payment will be made only for the quantity prescribed unless the contractor satisfies the Department that he has not been able to dispense the balance of the pack or packs. In these instances payment will be made for the pack or packs.

Deletions: Clause 13 of, and the First Schedule to, this direction provide for deletions from the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Drug Tariff 1981. Deleted items do not in all cases disappear from the list, as they are sometimes added again in a varied form. The deletions set out in this direction merely repeat (except in one case) those effected by Amendment No. 5. The one exception is the addition to the deletions of hydroxyprogesterone hexanoate.

Additions: Clause 14 of, and the Second Schedule to, this direction provide for additions to the list of pharmaceutical requirements in Part II of the Drug Tariff 1981. Some of the items added by this direction are:

<i>Trade Name</i>	<i>Official Name</i>
Acupan tablets (Hospital Pharmacy or on a practitioner's supply order)	Nefopam hydrochloride tablets
Asendin (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Amoxapine
Carylderm	Carbaryl
Eumovate and Eumovate N eye drops (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Clobetasone butyrate with or without neomycin sulphate as eye drops
Nebcin (Hospital Pharmacy)	Tobramycin sulphate
Oruvail	Ketoprofen long-acting capsules
Panteston (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Testosterone undecanoate
Propine (Retail Pharmacy—specialist)	Dipivefrin hydrochloride
Stesolid rectal tubes (Only on a practitioner's supply order)	Diazepam rectal tubes
Synflex	Naproxen sodium
Vicrom	Sodium cromoglycate
Voltaren suppositories	Diclofenac sodium suppositories

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