

**Attention all Psychiatric Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Nurses**

Re: Non-Formulary Psychiatric Drugs

The protocol regulated non-formulary antidepressant and antipsychotic drugs are being re-categorized. The generic drugs - paroxetine, fluoxetine, risperidone and methylphenidate - are no longer non-formulary items. They are formulary items which however remain restricted to a designated consultant i.e. psychiatrist. The patient can collect the mentioned medicinal products by presenting a pink card and a "To whom it may concern form" signed by the psychiatrist together with the prescription signed by a doctor.

Other psychiatric non-formulary drugs will be approved for a maximum of three years instead of for one year only.

For your information please,

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