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**Attention all** Consultants  
Medical Officers  
Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Technicians  
Nurses

**Re: Updated Government Formulary List (June 2011)**

The **Directorate for Pharmaceutical Policy and Monitoring (DPPM)** within the Strategy and Sustainability Division ensures quality in the overall drug use process through the ongoing management of the Government Formulary List. The main objective is to optimize patient care through the rational use of drugs within the healthcare setting.

The Government Formulary List (GFL) is reviewed and updated periodically through removal and addition of medicines, removal/changes in medicines' protocols and amendments in entitlement and prescriber criteria (Annex 1).

The DPPM has now issued the updated Government Formulary List (June 2011) [https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/strategy\\_policy/pharm\\_pol\\_mon/med\\_within\\_ghs/gov\\_for\\_m\\_list.aspx](https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/strategy_policy/pharm_pol_mon/med_within_ghs/gov_for_m_list.aspx). The updated protocols are listed on the following website link, [https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/strategy\\_policy/pharm\\_pol\\_mon/med\\_within\\_ghs/protocols.aspx](https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/strategy_policy/pharm_pol_mon/med_within_ghs/protocols.aspx). Feedback regarding the Government Formulary List can be sent through the DPPM generic email: [dppm.mhec@gov.mt](mailto:dppm.mhec@gov.mt).

For your attention please.

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## **Additions and Deletions in Formularies and Protocols**

### ***Hospital Formulary***

#### **▪ Additions**

Aprepitant Capsules 80mg & 125mg  
Clopidogrel Tablets 75mg  
Deferasirox Dispersible Tablets 500mg  
Lanthanum Chewable Tablets 750mg  
Leflunomide Tablets 20mg  
Linezolid Tablets 600mg, Vials 600mg  
Morphine Sulphate Injections 30mg/mL  
Mycophenolate mofetil infusion 500mg  
Pemetrexed Vials 50mg, 100mg  
Pregabalin Capsules 75mg, 150mg, 300mg  
Rasagiline Tablets 1mg  
Rasburicase Injections 1.5mg, 7.5mg  
Testosterone Undecanoate Injections 1000mg/4mL

#### **▪ Deletions**

Ascorbic Acid Injection 500mg/mL in 5mL  
Beta<sub>2</sub>-Agonist (Long Acting) [Formoterol] Dry powder Inhaler 6mcg  
Gentamicin 0.1% cream  
Hydrocortisone Tablets 5mg  
Isoniazid + Rifampicin + Prothionamide + Dapsone Tablets 87.5mg + 150mg + 87.5mg + 25mg  
Neomycin Tablets 500mg  
Orphenadrine citrate + Paracetamol Tablets 35mg + 450mg  
Oxybuprocaine Eye Drops 0.4%  
Prazosin 2mg Tablets  
Prednisolone Suppositories 5mg  
Tetracosactide (Tetracosactrin) Injection 1mg/mL  
Tolbutamide Tablets 500mg

## ***Out-Patients Formulary***

### **▪ Additions**

Anti-Hemophilic Factor IX Infusion 500 IU  
Aprepitant Capsules 80mg & 125mg  
Chlorhexidine Gluconate in Isopropyl Alcohol Solution (for TPN patients only)  
Clopidogrel Tablets 75mg  
Deferasirox Dispersible Tablets 500mg  
Cyclizine Ampoules 50mg/mL  
Cyproterone Acetate 300mg/mL Injection  
Eptacog Alfa (Recombinant Factor VIIa)  
Fibrinogen Concentrate Vials  
Glycopyrolate (Glycopyrronium) Injections 0.6mg  
Haloperidol Injections 5mg  
Hyoscine Butylbromide Injections 20mg  
Hyoscine Hydrobromide Injections 400mcg  
Lanthanum Chewable Tablets 750mg  
Leflunomide Tablets 20mg  
Morphine Sulphate Injections 10mg/mL, 15mg/mL, 20mg/mL, 30mg/mL  
Octreotide Injections 200mcg/mL (multidose)  
Pregabalin Capsules 75mg, 150mg, 300mg  
Procyclidine Injection IM/IV 10mg/2mL  
Rasagiline Tablets 1mg  
Sucralfate Oral Liquid 1g/5mL  
Testosterone Undecanoate 1000mg/4mL Injections  
Zoledronic Acid vials 4mg

### **▪ Deletions**

Beta<sub>2</sub>-Agonist (Long Acting) [Formoterol] Dry Powder Inhaler 6mcg (replaced by Salmeterol Inhaler)  
Gentamicin 0.1% Cream  
Hydrocortisone Tablets 5mg  
Isoniazid + Rifampicin + Prothionamide + Dapsone Tablets 87.5mg + 150mg + 87.5mg + 25mg  
Levofloxacin Tablets 500mg  
Neomycin Tablets 500mg  
Orphenadrine citrate + Paracetamol Tablets 35mg + 450mg  
Permethrin Cream 5%  
Prazosin Tablets 2mg  
Prednisolone Suppositories 5mg  
Tolbutamide Tablets 500mg

## **Protocols**

### **▪ Additions**

Protocol 147: Octreotide 200mcg

Protocol 160: Pregabalin 75mg, 150mg and 300mg Capsules

Protocol 268: Rasagiline 1mg Tablets

Protocol 269: Aprepitant 80mg & 125mg Capsules

Protocol 272: Mycophenolate Mofetil Infusion

Protocol 273: Lanthanum Carbonate Chewable Tablets

Protocol 275: Pemetrexed 100mg and 500mg Vials

Protocol 276: Clopidogrel 75mg Tablets

Protocol 277: Deferasirox Dispersible Tablets

Protocol 278: Rasburicase 1.5mg and 7.5mg Injection

Protocol 279: Testosterone Undecanoate 1000mg/4mL Injections

Protocol 270: Salmeterol (to replace protocol 177)

Protocol 271: Long-acting Beta<sub>2</sub>-Agonist Inhalers for Patients Over 12 Years (to replace protocol 177)

Protocol 280: Teicoplanin 200mg Injections (to replace protocol 243)

Protocol 281: Vancomycin 125mg Capsules (to replace protocol 243)

Protocol 282: Vancomycin 500mg Injections (to replace protocol 243)

### **▪ Deletions**

Protocol 12: Atorvastatin Tablets (replaced by protocol 181)

Protocol 71: Flavoxate 200mg Tablets

Protocol 103: Interferon-Beta Injections

Protocol 163: Phenobarbital 15mg/mL Injections

Protocol 194: Ursodeoxycholic Acid

Protocol 243: Glycopeptides (replaced it by protocols 280, 281 and 282)