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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Updated Government Formulary List (March 2012)

The **Directorate for Pharmaceutical Affairs (DPA)** 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, changes in medicines' protocols and amendments in entitlement and prescriber criteria (Annex 1).

The DPA has now issued the updated Government Formulary List (March 2012) on the following website link

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.

Feedback regarding the Government Formulary List can be sent through the DPA generic email: dppm.mhec@gov.mt.

Thank you

For your attention, please

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List of changes in Out-Patients Formulary

Change in prescriber criteria	<p>All Medical Practitioners, i.e. doctors working within the National Health Services and private doctors, can change the dose of treatment for the following conditions when an item is marked on the formulary as 'Medical Practitioners' or 'Consultant' but <u>not</u> for medicines which are protocol regulated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypertension 2. Diabetes Mellitus 3. Chronic Heart Failure 4. Asthma 5. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease 6. Treatment for hypercholesterolaemia under the respective Schedule V conditions 7. Chronic Mood Disorders 8. Chronic Neurotic Disorders
Alpha Tocopheryl (Vitamin E) suspension 100mg/mL, tablets 50-150mg, tablets 670mg	Added Consultant Endocrinologists to the Prescriber Criteria
Atorvastatin tablets	Removed from pink-positive list
Bezafibrate tablets 400mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Bromocriptine capsules 10mg	Deleted
Chlorpromazine Hydrochloride (as embiolate) oral liquid 100mg/5mL	Deleted
Colestipol powder	Removed from pink-positive list
Colestyramine powder	Removed from pink-positive list
Compound Thymol Glycerin mouthwash	Deleted
Co-Proxamol (Paracetamol + Dextropropoxyphene HCl) tablets 325mg + 32.5mg	Deleted
Cycloserine tablets 250mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Cyproterone Acetate Injection 300mg/mL	Deleted
Dithranol (Anthralin) lipid stabilized cream 1%	Deleted
Etanercept injection 50mg	Added to formulary
Ethambutol tablets 100mg, 400mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Fenofibrate non-micronised 100mg capsules or micronized 67mg capsules	Removed from pink-positive list
Fenofibrate non-micronised 300mg capsules or micronized 200mg capsules or tablets 145mg	Removed from pink-positive list

Fluvastatin prolonged released tablets 80mg	Added to formulary
Fluvastatin tablets 20mg and 40mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Glibenclamide tablets 5mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Gliclazide tablets 80mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Glucagon injection 1mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Haloperidol oral solution 2mg/mL	Added Consultant Geriatricians to the Prescriber Criteria
Ibuprofen oral suspension 100mg/5mL	Added Consultant Rheumatologists to the Prescriber Criteria
Insulin Aspart injection 100IU/mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Insulin Biphasic Isophane (Isophane + Neutral) cartridges (70%. 30%) 100IU/mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Insulin Biphasic Isophane (Isophane + Neutral) injection 100IU/mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Insulin Glargine cartridge 100IU/mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Insulin Isophane cartridge 100units/mL in 3mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Insulin Isophane injection 100IU/mL in 10mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Insulin Neutral (Soluble Insulin) cartridge 100units/mL in 3mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Insulin Neutral (Soluble Insulin) injection SC 100IU/mL in 10mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Interferon Alfa 2b injection 18M IU SC, IV, IM	Deleted
Interferon Alfa 2b injection 30mcg (6MIU)	Changed dose from 5mcg to 30mcg Added Consultant Haematologists to the Prescriber Criteria
Interferon Alfa 2b injection 3M IU	Deleted
Isoniazid + Rifampicin tablets 100mg + 150mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Isoniazid tablets 100mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Ivermectin tablets 3mg	Added Senior Public Health Physicians to the Prescriber Criteria
Mesterolone tablets 25mg	Deleted
Metformin tablets 500mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Methylprednisolone Aceponate cream 1mg and ointment 1mg	Deleted Only renewal of permits will be accepted
Minoxidil topical solution 5%	Deleted Only renewal of permits will be accepted
Montelukast chewable tablets 5mg and tablets 10mg	Added to formulary
Moxifloxacin tablets 400mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Nicotinamide tablets 250mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Octreotide Long Acting injection IM 30mg	Added to formulary
Orciprenaline Sulphate mixture 10mg/5mL	Deleted
Polymyxin + Bacitracin cream	Removed from Out-patients formulary.

Potassium Citrate + Citric Acid effervescent tablets 1.5g + 0.25mg	Added Consultant Paediatricians to the Prescriber Criteria
Prednisolone retention enema 20mg/100mL	Added Consultant Oncologists and Consultant Palliative Care to the Prescriber Criteria
Promazine Hydrochloride tablets 25mg	Deleted
Protionamide tablets 500mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Pyrazinamide tablets 500mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Rifabutin capsules 150mg	Removed from pink-positive list
Rifampicin capsules 300mg, syrup 100mg/5mL	Removed from pink-positive list
Risperidone depot injections 50mg	Added to formulary
Roxithromycin tablets 150mg	Deleted
Simvastatin tablets 10mg and 20mg	Changed the Prescriber Criteria from Consultants to Medical Practitioner Removed protocol Removed from pink-positive list
Sucralfate oral liquid 1g/5mL	Added Consultant Geriatricians to the Prescriber Criteria
Teriparatide pre-filled pen 20mcg/80mL	Added to formulary
Testosterone Ester Depot (Sustanon®) injection 100mg	Deleted
Travoprost eye drops	Added to formulary
Vitamin B [Strong compound] (Nicotinamide + Riboflavin + Thiamine + Pyridoxine tablets 20mg + 2mg + 5mg + 2mg	Deleted
Zoledronic Acid vials 5mg	Added to Out-patients formulary

List of changes in Hospital Formulary

Change in prescriber criteria	<p>All Medical Practitioners, i.e. doctors working within the National Health Services and private doctors, can change the dose of treatment for the following conditions when an item is marked on the formulary as 'Medical Practitioners' or 'Consultant' but not for medicines which are protocol regulated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypertension 2. Diabetes Mellitus 3. Chronic Heart Failure 4. Asthma 5. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease 6. Treatment for hypercholesterolaemia under the respective Schedule V conditions 9. Chronic Mood Disorders 7. Chronic Neurotic Disorders
Alpha Tocopheryl (Vitamin E) suspension 100mg/mL, tablets 50-150mg, tablets 670mg	Added Consultant Endocrinologists to the Prescriber Criteria
Botulinum A Toxin Heamagglutinin Complex	Added Consultant Urologists and Consultant Paediatricians to the Prescriber Criteria
Bromocriptine capsules 10mg	Deleted
Chlorpromazine Hydrochloride (as embiolate) oral liquid 100mg/5mL	Deleted
Compound Thymol Glycerin mouthwash	Deleted
Co-Proxamol (Paracetamol + Dextropropoxyphene HCl) tablets 325mg + 32.5mg	Deleted
Cyproterone Acetate Injection 300mg/mL	Deleted
Daunorubicin liposomal infusion 2mg/mL vials (stand-by)	Added to formulary
Diphtheria (adsorbed) + antitoxin vaccine	Deleted
Diphtheria (adsorbed) + tetanus (whole cell) + pertussis + polio + Haemophilus Influenzae type B vaccine	Deleted
Diphtheria (adsorbed) + tetanus (whole cell) + pertussis + polio vaccine	Deleted

Diphtheria (adsorbed) + tetanus (whole cell) + pertussis vaccine	Deleted
Diphtheria (adsorbed) + tetanus vaccine paediatric	Deleted
Diphtheria (low dose) + tetanus + polio vaccine (adsorbed)	Added to formulary
Diphtheria + tetanus + pertussis (acellular) + polio + Haemophilus Influenzae type B conjugate vaccine (adsorbed)	Added to formulary
Dithranol (Anthralin) lipid stabilized cream 1%	Deleted
Drotrecogin Alfa (activated) [Recombinant Activated Protein C] injection IV 20mg	Deleted
Etanercept injection 50mg	Added to formulary
Fluvastatin prolonged released tablets 80mg	Added to formulary
Haloperidol oral solution 2mg/mL	Added Consultant Geriatricians to the Prescriber Criteria
Ibuprofen oral suspension 100mg/5mL	Added Consultant Rheumatologists to the Prescriber Criteria
Interferon Alfa 2b injection 18M IU SC, IV, IM	Deleted
Interferon Alfa 2b injection 30mcg (6MIU)	Changed dose from 5mcg to 30mcg Added Consultant Haematologists to the Prescriber Criteria
Interferon Alfa 2b injection 3M IU	Deleted
Ipecacuanha solution ready-to-use 1g/15mL	Deleted
Ivermectin tablets 3mg	Added Senior Public Health Physicians to the Prescriber Criteria
Lepirudin vials 50mg	Deleted
Mesterolone tablets 25mg	Deleted
Methylprednisolone Aceponate cream 1mg and ointment 1mg	Deleted Only renewal of permits will be accepted
Minoxidil topical solution 5%	Deleted Only renewal of permits will be accepted
Montelukast chewable tablets 5mg and tablets 10mg	Added to formulary
Nicotine patches 5mg, 10mg and 15mg	Added to formulary
Octreotide Long Acting injection IM 30mg	Added to formulary
Oral polio vaccine	Deleted
Orciprenaline Sulphate mixture 10mg/5mL	Deleted
Potassium Citrate + Citric Acid effervescent tablets 1.5g + 0.25mg	Added Consultant Paediatricians to the Prescriber Criteria

Prednisolone retention enema 20mg/100mL	Added Consultant Oncologists and Consultant Palliative Care to the Prescriber Criteria
Promazine Hydrochloride tablets 25mg	Deleted
Propranolol injections 1mg/mL	Deleted
Risperidone depot injections 50mg	Added to formulary
Rivaroxaban tablets 10mg	Added Resident Specialist Orthopaedic Department and Senior Registrar Orthopaedic Department to the prescriber criteria
Roxithromycin tablets 150mg	Deleted
Simvastatin tablets 10mg and 20mg	Changed the Prescriber Criteria from Consultants to Medical Practitioner Removed protocol Removed from pink-positive list
Sucralfate oral liquid 1g/5mL	Added Consultant Geriatricians to the Prescriber Criteria
Teriparatide pre-filled pen 20mcg/80mL	Added to formulary
Testosterone Ester Depot (Sustanon®) injection 100mg	Deleted
Travoprost eye drops	Added to formulary
Vitamin B [Strong compound] (Nicotinamide + Riboflavin + Thiamine + Pyridoxine tablets 20mg + 2mg + 5mg + 2mg	Deleted

List of changes in Protocols

Changed format of all protocols

Protocol 12: Atorvastatin tablets	New protocol (replaces protocol 181)
Protocol 64: Epoprostenol (<i>Prostacyclin</i>) 500mcg Injections	Removed protocol. Item no longer protocol regulated.
Protocol 71: Fluvastatin Capsules and Prolonged Release Tablets	New protocol (replaces protocol 181)
Protocol 74: Fludarabine 10mg Capsules	Changed protocol. Removed information about injections (covered by protocol 75)
Protocol 75: Fludarabine 50mg Injections	New protocol (replaces part of protocol 74)
Protocol 79: Fluvoxamine 100mg Tablets	Removed protocol
Protocol 92: Ibuprofen 100mg/5mL Syrup	Added Consultant Rheumatologist to the Prescriber Criteria
Protocol 119: Levomepromazine Tablets and Injecions	Deleted protocol. Protocol replaced by protocol 286 for Levomepromazine Injections and protocol 287 for Levomepromazine Tablets
Protocol 126: Methylprednisolone aceponate cream and ointment	Item Deleted
Protocol 131: Minoxidil lotion	Item Deleted
Protocol 150: Olanzapine 5mg and 10mg Tablets	Removed protocol
Protocol 171: Quetiapine 25mg, 100mg and 200mg Tablets	Removed protocol
Protocol 180: Sunscreen SPF 50 + Milk or Lotion	New protocol
Protocol 181: HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitors (<i>Statins</i>)	Deleted protocol. Protocol replaced by Protocol 12 for Atorvastatin and Protocol 71 for Fluvastatin. Simvastatin is no longer a protocol regulated item.
Protocol 184: Sucralfate 1g/5mL syrup	Added Consultant Geriatrician to the Prescriber Criteria
Protocol 190: Teriparatide 20mcg/80mcl solution for injection in a pre-filled pen	New protocol
Protocol 192: Tramadol Capsules	Changed protocol. Removed information about injections (covered by protocol 193)
Protocol 193: Tramadol Injections	New protocol (replaces part of protocol 192)
Protocol 194: Travoprost eye drops	New protocol
Protocol 195: Venlafaxine 75mg and 150mg MR Capsules	Removed protocol

Protocol 202: Zidovudine 100mg/10mL Oral Solution	Changed protocol. Removed information about injections (covered by protocol 214)
Protocol 229: Zoledronic Acid 5mg vials	Added new indications
Protocol 230: Sirolimus syrup	New protocol (replaces part of protocol 231)
Protocol 231: Sirolimus tablets	Changed protocol, removed sirolimus syrup information (covered by protocol 230)
Protocol 214: Zidovudine 10mg/mL IV Infusion	New Protocol (replaces part of protocol 202)
Protocol 267: Cyclizine 50mg/mL Ampoules	Updated protocol
Protocol 276: Clopidogrel 75mg Tablets	Updated protocol
Protocol 286: Levomepromazine Injections	New protocol (replaces protocol 119)
Protocol 287: Levomepromazine Tablets	New protocol (replaces protocol 119)
Protocol 290: Rivaroxaban 10mg tablets	Added Resident Specialist Orthopaedic Department and Senior Registrar Orthopaedic Department to the prescriber criteria
Protocol 291: Risperidone 25mg, 37.5mg and 50mg Depot Injections	Added new doses
Protocol 295: Montelukast 5mg Chewable Tablets and 10mg Tablets	New protocol
Protocol 296: Nicotine 5mg, 10mg and 15mg Patches	New protocol