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**Attention All:** Consultants  
Medical Officers  
Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Technicians  
Nurses

**Re: Updated Government Formulary List (January 2013)**

The Directorate for Pharmaceutical Affairs (DPA) ensures quality in drug utilization 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.

The DPA has now issued the updated Government Formulary List (January 2013) on the following website link:

[https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/chief\\_medical\\_officer/pharm\\_pol\\_mon/med\\_within\\_ghs/gov\\_form\\_list.aspx](https://ehealth.gov.mt/HealthPortal/chief_medical_officer/pharm_pol_mon/med_within_ghs/gov_form_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).

The list of changes in this issue can be found in Annex I.

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

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**List of changes in Out-Patients Formulary**

Atorvastatin tablets 10mg, 20mg, 40mg, 80mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Bezafibrate tablets 400mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Captopril tablets 12.5mg	Deleted from formulary
Distigmine bromide tablets 5mg	Deleted from formulary
Docusate Sodium tablets 100mg	Added to formulary
Donepezil tablets 5mg and 10mg	Added to formulary
Dornase Alfa nebuliser solution 1000units/mL (2.5mg)	Added to formulary
Exemestane tablets 25mg	Added to formulary
Fenofibrate non-micronised capsules 300mg or micronized capsules 200mg or tablets 145mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Fenofibrate non-micronised capsules 100mg or micronized 67mg capsules	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Fluvastatin prolonged release tablets 80mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Fluvastatin tablets 40mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Fusidate sodium ointment 2%	Deleted from formulary
Fusidic acid cream 2%	Deleted from formulary
Gentamicin ointment 0.1%	Deleted from formulary
Glibenclamide tablets 5mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Gliclazide tablets 80mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Glucagon injection 1mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Hydrocortisone + Fusidic acid cream 1% + 2%	Deleted from formulary
Hydrocortisone foam enema 10%	Added Consultant Oncologist and Consultant Palliative Care to prescriber criteria
Insulin Aspart injection 100IU/mL	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Insulin Biphasic Isophane (Isophane + Neutral) cartridges (70%. 30%) 100IU/mL	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Insulin Biphasic Isophane (Isophane + Neutral) injection 100IU/mL	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Insulin Glargine cartridge 100IU/mL	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Insulin Isophane cartridge 100units/mL in 3mL	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Insulin Isophane injection 100IU/mL in 10mL	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Insulin Neutral (Soluble Insulin) cartridge 100units/mL in 3mL	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Insulin Neutral (Soluble Insulin) injection SC 100IU/mL in 10mL	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus

Lisuride maleate tablets 0.2mg	Deleted from formulary
Metformin tablets 500mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Metolazone tartrate tablets 5mg	Deleted from formulary
Mexiletine tablets 200mg	Deleted from formulary
Octreotide Long Acting IM Injections 10mg	Removed from out-patients formulary
Octreotide Long Acting IM Injections 20mg	Removed from out-patients formulary
Octreotide Long Acting IM Injections 30mg	Removed from out-patients formulary
Paediatric Liquid Food Preparation (Paediasure®, Nutrini®)	Changed name, from 'Paediatric whole protein tube feed' to 'Paediatric Liquid Food Preparation'.
Prazosin tablets 500mcg	Deleted from formulary
Pregabalin capsules 75mg, 150mg, 300mg	Added Consultant Anaesthetist, Consultant Oncologist and Consultant Palliative Care to Prescriber Criteria
Rosuvastatin tablets 20mg and 40mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Simvastatin tablets 10mg and 20mg	Added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Simvastatin tablets 80mg	Added to formulary and added to pink-positive list for Diabetes Mellitus
Sulpiride syrup 40mg/mL	Changed dose from 5mg/mL to 40mg/mL
Warfarin tablets 1mg, 3mg and 5mg	Changed prescriber criteria from 'Hospital Doctors' to 'Medical Practitioners'
Zoledronic acid vials 4mg	Removed from out-patients formulary
Zoledronic acid vials 5mg	Removed from out-patients formulary

**List of changes in Hospital Formulary**

Acetylcysteine eye drops 5%	Added 'on payment' and removed protocol
Baclofen intrathecal vials	Added to formulary
Captopril tablets 12.5mg	Deleted from formulary
Distigmine bromide tablets 5mg	Deleted from formulary
Docusate Sodium tablets 100mg	Added to formulary
Donepezil tablets 5mg and 10mg	Added to formulary
Dornase Alfa nebuliser solution 1000units/mL (2.5mg)	Added to formulary
Exemestane tablets 25mg	Added to formulary
Flucloxacillin injections 1000mg	Added to formulary
Fusidate sodium ointment 2%	Deleted from formulary
Fusidic acid cream 2%	Deleted from formulary
Gentamicin ointment 0.1%	Deleted from formulary
Hydrocortisone + Fusidic acid cream 1% + 2%	Deleted from formulary
Hydrocortisone foam enema 10%	Added Consultant Oncologist and Consultant Palliative Care to prescriber criteria
Indocyanine Green injections 5mg/mL	Added to formulary
Lisuride maleate tablets 0.2mg	Deleted from formulary
Metolazone tartrate tablets 5mg	Deleted from formulary
Mexiletine tablets 200mg	Deleted from formulary
Octreotide Long Acting IM Injections 10mg	Added 'Hospital Use'
Octreotide Long Acting IM Injections 20mg	Added 'Hospital Use'
Octreotide Long Acting IM Injections 30mg	Added 'Hospital Use'
Paediatric Liquid Food Preparation (Peadiasure®, Nutrini®)	Changed name, from 'Paediatric whole protein tube feed' to 'Paediatric Liquid Food Preparation'.
Prazosin tablets 500mcg	Deleted from formulary
Pregabalin capsules 75mg, 150mg, 300mg	Added Consultant Anaesthetist, Consultant Oncologist and Consultant Palliative Care to Prescriber Criteria
Procainamide injections 100mg/mL	Deleted from formulary
Proton Pump Inhibitors for Infusion IV Injections 40mg	Added Consultant Oncologist to prescriber criteria
Simvastatin tablets 80mg	Added to formulary
Sulpiride syrup 40mg/mL	Changed dose from 5mg/mL to 40mg/mL
Thyrotrophin-releasing hormone (TRH) injection 0.2mg	Deleted from formulary

Trimethoprim injections 100mg/5mL	Deleted from formulary
Warfarin tablets 1mg, 3mg and 5mg	Changed prescriber criteria from 'Hospital Doctors' to 'Medical Practitioners'

**List of changes in Protocols**

Protocol 16: Baclofen Intrathecal Vials	New protocol
Protocol 52: Dornase Alfa 1000units/mL (2.5mg) Nebuliser Solution	New protocol
Protocol 54: Docusate Sodium 100mg Tablets	New protocol
Protocol 56: Domperidone 10mg Tablets	Updated protocol
Protocol 57: Domperidone 5mg/5mL Syrup	Updated protocol
Protocol 58: Donepezil 5mg and 10mg Tablets	New protocol
Protocol 64: Exemestane 25mg Tablets	New protocol
Protocol 101: Insulin Glargine Cartridges, Pens and Needles	Updated protocol
Protocol 109: Lactulose Syrup	Deleted protocol
Protocol 128: Metolazone 5mg Tablets	Deleted protocol
Protocol 149: Octreotide LAR Preparation	Updated protocol – removed 'Out-patients use'
Protocol 152: Proton Pump Inhibitors for Infusion	Added Consultant Oncologist to prescriber criteria
Protocol 158: Paediatric Liquid Food Preparation ( <i>currently Nutrini®</i> )	Updated protocol
Protocol 159: Pamidronate 15mg Vials	Updated protocol
Protocol 160: Pregabalin 75mg, 150mg and 300mg Capsules	Added Malignancy Added Consultant Anaesthetist, Consultant Oncologist and Consultant Palliative Care to Prescriber Criteria
Protocol 166: Prazosin 1mg Tablets	Removed 500mcg dose
Protocol 192: Tramadol 50mg Capsules	Updated protocol
Protocol 196: Verapamil 240mg SR Tablets	Updated protocol
Protocol 205: Acetylcysteine 5% Eye Drops	Deleted protocol
Protocol 207: Insulin Aspart Cartridges	Updated protocol
Protocol 228: Zoledronic Acid 4mg Vials	Updated protocol – removed 'Out-patients use'
Protocol 229: Zoledronic Acid 5mg Vials	Updated protocol – removed 'Out-patients use'
Protocol 234: Estradiol Valerate and Norgestrel Tablets	Updated protocol indications
Protocol 271: Long-acting Beta <sub>2</sub> -agonist Inhalers for Patients over 12 Years	Updated protocol