

**DH CIRCULAR No. 384/2013**
DH 1556/201223rd December 2013**Attention All:** Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses**Re: Updated Government Formulary List (December 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 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 (December 2013) on the following website [link](#).

The updated protocols are listed on the following website [link](#).

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: dpa.mfh@gov.mt

For your attention, please

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List of changes in Out-Patients Formulary

Amiloride 5mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Menadiol Sodium Phosphate 10mg Tablets	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Nicorandil 10mg Tablets	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Phenindione 50mg Tablets	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Piroxicam 10mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Sulfinpyrazone 200mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Pregabalin 75mg, 150mg and 300mg Capsules	Added Consultant Heamatologists to the precriber criteria
Lubricating Jelly	Added to Out-Patients formulary
Coal Tar Shampoo	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Oestradiol Valerate 2mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Thalidomide 50mg Tablets	Changed dose from 100mg to 50mg
Calciferol 0.25mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Temazepam 10mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Timipramine 10mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary

List of changes in Hospital Formulary

Amiloride 5mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Calciferol 0.25mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Coal Tar Shampoo	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Codeine Phosphate 60mg/mL in 1mL Injections	Deleted from formulary
Estradiol Valerate 2mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Menadiol Sodium Phosphate 10mg Tablets	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Nicorandil 10mg Tablets	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Phenindione 50mg Tablets	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Phenobarbitone 15mg/mL Injections	Changed dose from 15mg/mL to 30mg/mL
Phenoxybenzamine 100mg injections	Availability temporarily suspended due to problematic sourcing
Piroxicam 10mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Pregabalin 75mg, 150mg and 300mg Capsules	Added Consultant Heamatologists to the precriber criteria
Sulfinpyrazone 200mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Thalidomide 50mg Tablets	Changed dose from 100mg to 50mg
Temazepam 10mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
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List of changes in Protocols

Protocol 39: Clonazepam 0.5mg and 2mg Tablets	Added Protocol
Protocol 80: Folic Acid 2.5mg/mL Syrup	Updated Protocol
Protocol 159: Disodium Pamidronate 15mg Vials	Updated Protocol
Protocol 160: Pregabalin 75mg, 150mg and 300mg Capsules	Added Consultant Heamatologist to the precriber criteria
Protocol 189: Thalidomide 50mg Tablets	Changed dose from 100mg to 50mg
Protocol 229: Zoledronic Acid 5mg Vials	Updated Protocol