

**DH CIRCULAR No. 54/2014**  
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**Attention All:** Consultants  
Medical Officers  
Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Technicians  
Nurses**Re: Updated Government Formulary List (February 2014)**

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 (February 2014) 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](mailto:dpa.mfh@gov.mt)

For your attention, please

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

Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonists (Currently Valsartan)	Change name from 'Valsartan' to 'Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonists (Currently Valsartan)'
Calcipotriol 50mcg/g Cream	Deleted from formulary
Losartan Potassium 50mg Tablets	Included with 'Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonists'
Pancreatin Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Pancreatin Tablets High Dose	Deleted from formulary
Dimenhydrinate 50mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Ergotamine Compound Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Methylcellulose 500mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Tamoxifen 10mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Multivitamin Syrup	Deleted from formulary
Ropinirole 2mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Ephedrine 0.5% Nasal Drops	Deleted from formulary
Bromhexine 8mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary

**List of changes in Hospital Formulary**

Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonists (Currently Valsartan)	Change name from 'Valsartan' to 'Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonists (Currently Valsartan)'
Calcipotriol 50mcg/g Cream	Deleted from formulary
Losartan Potassium 50mg Tablets	Included with 'Angiotensin-II Receptor Antagonists'
Pancreatin Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Pancreatin Tablets High Dose	Deleted from formulary
Dimenhydrinate 50mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Ergotamine Compound Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Methylcellulose 500mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Tamoxifen 10mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Multivitamin Syrup	Deleted from formulary
Ropinirole 2mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Ephedrine 0.5% Nasal Drops	Deleted from formulary
Bromhexine 8mg Tablets	Deleted from formulary
Natalizumab 20mg/mL Infusion	Added to formulary

**List of changes in Protocols**

Protocol 8: Anastrozole 1mg Tablets	Updated Protocol
Protocol 215: Ropinirole 250mcg, 1mg & 5mg Tablets	Removed 2mg dose
Protocol 251: Natalizumab 20mg/mL Infusion	Added to formulary
Protocol 254: Letrozole 2.5mg Tablets	Updated Protocol