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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Schedule V Amendments

As per Legal Notice [183 of 2019](#), the following amendments have been made to Part II of the Fifth Schedule of the Social Security Act.

1. **Benign Prostatic Enlargement** has now been added to the list of Schedule V Conditions in respect of which free medical aid may be accorded. The medicinal treatment presently available on the Government Formulary List for Benign Prostatic Enlargement is Finasteride 5 mg tablets and Doxazocin 2 mg tablets.

Patients who require such treatment are to visit their caring Consultant Urologist to apply for a Schedule V Card (Yellow Card). Those patients in possession of a valid Schedule II Card (Pink Card) already on Finasteride and/or Doxazocin treatment will continue to be dispensed treatment on the Schedule II card until they are in possession of a Schedule V card for a maximum of 6 months.

2. The medical condition previously known as **Seronegative Arthritis** has now been substituted by its current nomenclature of **Spondyloarthritis**.

Any related changes will be reflected in the latest updates of the Government Formulary List.

For your attention please.

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