

Distribution: Public Hospitals

Subject: Highly Specialised Drugs Program

Purpose: To advise hospitals of changes to the Highly Specialised Drugs Program.

We have had recent advice from the Commonwealth Government regarding changes to the Highly Specialised Drugs Program.

PRICE INCREASES effective 1 December 2008

				New price	Old price
Abacavir sulfate	Oral solution 20mg per mL 240mL	1	6265R	\$82.14	\$75.20
Apomorphine hydrochloride	Injection 20mg per 2mL	5	9607P	\$77.86	\$66.94
Interferon Gamma-1b	Injection 2,000,000 i.u. in 0.5mL	6	6148N	\$1,360.90	\$1,260.09
Lamivudine	Oral solution 5mg per mL 240mL	1	6271C	\$69.91	\$64.01
Stavudine	Powder for oral solution 1mg per mL 200mL	1	6250Y	\$116.68	\$99.14
Zidovudine	Syrup 10mg per mL 200mL	1	6155Y	\$44.88	\$41.09

PRICE DECREASES effective 1 August 2008

				New price	Old price
Ribavirin and Peginterferon Alfa-2a (Pegasys RBV)					
84 tablets ribavirin 200mg with 4 pre-filled syringes peginterferon alfa-2a 135mcg	1	6389G		\$1,295.60	\$1,432.08
112 tablets ribavirin 200mg with 4 pre-filled syringes peginterferon alfa-2a 135mcg	1	6390H		\$1,375.88	\$1,520.81
140 tablets ribavirin 200mg with 4 pre-filled syringes peginterferon alfa-2a 135mcg	1	6391J		\$1,456.14	\$1,609.53
168 tablets ribavirin 200mg with 4 pre-filled syringes					

peginterferon alfa-2a 135mcg	1	6392K	\$1,536.42	\$1,698.26
84 tablets ribavirin 200mg with 4 pre-filled syringes peginterferon alfa-2a 180mcg	1	6393L	\$1,462.37	\$1,616.41
112 tablets ribavirin 200mg with 4 pre-filled syringes peginterferon alfa-2a 180mcg	1	6394M	\$1,542.64	\$1,705.14
140 tablets ribavirin 200mg with 4 pre-filled syringes peginterferon alfa-2a 180mcg	1	6395N	\$1,622.91	\$1,793.86
168 tablets ribavirin 200mg with 4 pre-filled syringes peginterferon alfa-2a 180mcg	1	6396P	\$1,703.18	\$1,882.59
Ribavirin and Peginterferon Alfa-2b (Pegatron)				
84 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 50mcg powder plus diluent	1	6399T	\$917.38	\$1,014.02
112 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 50mcg powder plus diluent	1	6400W	\$1,059.87	\$1,171.51
84 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 80mcg powder plus diluent	1	6401X	\$1,211.36	\$1,338.96
140 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 80mcg powder plus diluent	1	6402Y	\$1,353.83	\$1,496.44
168 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 80mcg powder plus diluent	1	6403B	\$1,353.83	\$1,496.44
84 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 100mcg powder plus diluent	1	6404C	\$1,407.33	\$1,555.58

112 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 100mcg powder plus diluent	1	6405D	\$1,549.81	\$1,713.07
84 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 120mcg powder plus diluent	1	6406E	\$1,603.31	\$1,772.20
140 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 120mcg powder plus diluent	1	6407F	\$1,745.79	\$1,929.69
84 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 150mcg powder plus diluent	1	6408G	\$1,897.28	\$2,097.14
140 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 150mcg powder plus diluent	1	6409H	\$2,039.76	\$2,254.63
168 capsules ribavirin 200mg with 4 single use injection pens peginterferon alfa-2b 150mcg powder plus diluent	1	6410J	\$2,039.76	\$2,254.63

Full prescribing criteria available at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hsdp/app2.htm>

Changes notified by hospital circular will be updated in the Guidelines on the internet and the relevant claim forms amended.

WEB SITE ADDRESS: www.health.vic.gov.au/hsdp

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