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RHOXAL-TICLOPIDINE NO LONGER INTERCHANGEABLE

Rhoxal-Ticlopidine 250mg Tablet (DIN 02243587) will be removed from the interchangeable category Ticlopidine 250mg Tablet, *effective July 1, 2005*. Interchangeability of this product is no longer approved as the manufacturer has discontinued the blister packages of 28. This product will remain as an exception status benefit within the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs. This DIN will be removed from the MAC list and actual acquisition cost will be paid, effective July 1, 2005.

DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

The manufacturer has given notification of their discontinuation of the products listed below. These products will continue to be insured until existing stock is depleted but will be removed from future formulary pages.

<u>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
Rhoxal-Loperamide 2mg Caplet	02233998	RHO
Rhoxal-Sotalol 80mg Tab	02234008	RHO

A REMINDER TO PHARMACIES . . .

Please be reminded that exception status drugs with on-line criteria codes are only payable if the established criteria for reimbursement has been met. The criteria code must be provided by the prescriber, either on the prescription or as a verbal order to the pharmacist. If the criteria code is received verbally, please ensure the code is added to the prescription with a note indicating the prescriber was contacted.

As well, it is important to be aware that some criteria codes are associated with specific patient or days supply restrictions and inappropriate submission may result in recovery. For example, criteria code "01" for azithromycin and clarithromycin is not payable if the patient is under 65 years of age. Similarly, criteria code "02" for clopidogrel is not payable for more than a 30 day supply of medication.

INCLUDED WITH THIS BULLETIN:

- ▶ **Interchangeable Products List**
effective July 1, 2005

INTERCHANGEABLE PRODUCTS ADDED TO NOVA SCOTIA FORMULARY
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005

EXISTING CATEGORIES:

Note: For those products with benefit status under the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs, the existing MAC will apply.

	<u>DIN</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>MFR</u>	<u>Benefit Status</u>
FLUCONAZOLE 50mg Tab	02249294	Taro-Fluconazole	TAR	SFC
FLUCONAZOLE 100mg Tab	02249308	Taro-Fluconazole	TAR	SFC
FOSINOPRIL 10mg Tab	02262401	Gen-Fosinopril	GPM	SF
FOSINOPRIL 20mg Tab	02262428 02255952	Gen-Fosinopril pms-Fosinopril	GPM PMS	SF SF
GABAPENTIN 100mg Cap	02256142 02260883	Co Gabapentin ratio-Gabapentin	COB RPH	E E
GABAPENTIN 300mg Cap	02256150 02260891	Co Gabapentin ratio-Gabapentin	COB RPH	E E
GABAPENTIN 400mg Cap	02256169 02260905	Co Gabapentin ratio-Gabapentin	COB RPH	E E
LAMOTRIGINE 25mg Tab	02265494	Gen-Lamotrigine	GPM	E
LAMOTRIGINE 100mg Tab	02265508	Gen-Lamotrigine	GPM	E
LAMOTRIGINE 150mg Tab	02265516	Gen-Lamotrigine	GPM	E
LOPERAMIDE 2mg Caplet	02257564	Rhoxal-Loperamide	RHO	SF
OXYCODONE 5mg Tab with ACETAMINOPHEN	00608165	ratio-Oxycocet	RPH	SFC
PAROXETINE 10mg Tab	02262746	Co Paroxetine	COB	not insured
PAROXETINE 20mg Tab	02262754	Co Paroxetine	COB	SFC
PAROXETINE 30mg Tab	02262762	Co Paroxetine	COB	SFC
SOTALOL 80mg Tab	02257831	Rhoxal-Sotalol	RHO	SFC
TERBINAFINE 250mg Tab	02254727	Co Terbinafine	COB	E

NEW CATEGORIES:

Note: Until a MAC price is established, AAC will be paid for those products with benefit status under the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs. These categories will appear in the next publication of the MAC List.

	<u>DIN</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>MFR</u>	<u>Benefit Status</u>
BUPROPION 150mg SR Tab	02260239 02237825	Novo-Bupropion SR Wellbutrin SR	NOP BVL	E E
CILAZAPRIL 1mg Tab	01911465 02266350	Inhibace Novo-Cilazapril	HLR NOP	SF SF
CILAZAPRIL 2.5mg Tab	01911473 02266369	Inhibace Novo-Cilazapril	HLR NOP	SF SF
CILAZAPRIL 5mg Tab	01911481 02266377	Inhibace Novo-Cilazapril	HLR NOP	SF SF
ESTRADIOL 50mcg/day Patch	02244000 02246967	Estradot Rhoxal-Estradiol Derm	NVR RHO	E E
ESTRADIOL 75mcg/day Patch	02244001 02246968	Estradot Rhoxal-Estradiol Derm	NVR RHO	E E
ESTRADIOL 100mcg/day Patch	02244002 02246969	Estradot Rhoxal-Estradiol Derm	NVR RHO	E E
LITHIUM 300mg Tab	02266695 00590665	Apo-Lithium Carbonate SR Duralith	APX JAN	SFC SFC