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**To** All New Zealand Pharmacies; Wholesalers

**Subject** Mid-month Community Schedule change – listing of alternative letrozole 2.5 mg tab (Letromyl)

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Good afternoon

There is currently a supply issue with letrozole 2.5 mg tablets (Letrole) due to manufacturing issues experienced earlier in 2018. PHARMAC has been working with the supplier Mylan, to manage the stock in the supply chain. STAT (three months all-at-once) dispensing was removed from 1 May 2018 until 1 August 2018 to assist in managing the remaining stock.

From 11 June 2018, an alternative brand of letrozole 2.5 mg tab (Letromyl) will be listed, fully funded, for use in the community. This is a temporary listing until 1 November 2018. Letromyl is Medsafe registered.

The details of the new product are below:

| Chemical  | Presentation | Brand    | Pack size | Subsidy and price | Pharmacode |
|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| Letrozole | Tab 2.5 mg   | Letromyl | 60        | \$5.90            | 2545918    |

#### Pharmacy software systems

These are the instructions from the sector and software vendors:

**RxOne users:** this new listing will be automatically updated by RxOne. If for some unforeseen circumstance it does not happen, please refer to the e-Noticeboard on the RxOne Start Menu for instructions.

**TONIQ users:** the new brand will automatically be listed in Tonic medicine databases from the effective date.

Please note that Ministry of Health Sector Operations Group will be unable to process claims for June 2018 dispensing of the above listing. Pharmacies can either hold these claims until July OR reclaim them in July when they are rejected for payment in June claims.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. We will provide more information on the stock situation as we have further information.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact us on [enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz) or call 0800 660 050.

Kind regards,



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