



## Buttercups Monthly Drug Tariff Bulletin

From Emma Seton - August 2011

**Welcome to the August issue. This month our hot topic is additional fees so make sure you are not missing out on any extra payments that are due on prescriptions!**

Many of you in community pharmacy will have seen some press activity about changes to the pharmacy contract in England on 1st October 2011 with the introduction of a New Medicines Service (NMS). Make sure you read up about the changes and ask your pharmacist how it may affect your pharmacy.

**HOT SPOT**

### **Focus on..... Additional Fees for pharmacy contractors in England and Wales.**

Additional fees are given when you dispense an item that takes a little more time. The following circumstances outline when and how you can claim additional fees:

#### **Controlled drugs**

Prescriptions for schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs are automatically paid an additional fee, £1.28 for schedule 2 and 43p for schedule 3. No endorsement is necessary to claim this.

#### **Extemporaneously prepared items**

When you have made up a freshly prepared liquid, cream, ointment or paste within the pharmacy there is an additional fee paid. The fee varies according to the product but will be between 85p and £3.10 and the prescription must be endorsed "ED" to claim the payment.

#### **Reconstitutions**

When you reconstitute a drug resulting in a shelf life of 14 days or less, and, due to the short shelf life you have to make supplies in more than one container, you are able to claim a fee of £1.55 for each extra container supplied. The prescription should be endorsed with the number of extra containers supplied.

#### **Hosiery and Trusses**

If you have to measure and fit an item of hosiery or a truss for a patient then you are able to claim an additional fee of £2.60 by endorsing the item with "MF".

(For those of you who have never heard of a truss [Click Here](#) )



## Hot Spot Continued...

### Ostomy and Incontinence Appliances

Home delivery of catheter kits and catheters used for intermittent self-catheterisation attract a delivery fee of £9.30 and home delivery of annotated items in part IXA,B or C attract a fee of £3.40. Both these fees are paid automatically regardless of whether home delivery occurs.

The measuring and fitting of belts and girdles to support the use of stoma appliances can also be claimed if there is no size indicated on the prescription. This must be endorsed "MF" for a fee of £2.60 to be paid.

**HOT SPOT**

## Drug Tariff changes for August (England and Wales)

### Drugs for which discount is not deducted (Deletion to the list)

Forticare liquid orange & lemon

### Common additions to part VIII

Conjugated oestrogens / Medroxyprogesterone  
300microgram / 1.5mg modified-release tablets  
(Premique low dose)  
Ethinylestradiol / Norelgestromin 33.9micrograms/  
203micrograms/24hours transdermal patches (Evra)  
Hydrocortisone 10% foam aerosol enema (Colifoam)  
Leuprorelin 3.75mg powder and solvent for suspension  
for injection vials (Prostap SR)  
Methylphenidate 40mg modified-release capsules  
(Medikinet XL)

### Common deletions to part VIII

Clindamycin 1% aqueous lotion 50ml (30ml still listed)  
Menthol 2% in Aqueous cream (500g still listed)  
Prednisolone 20mg/application foam enema (Predfoam)

### Common additions to part IXA (Appliances)

Algicell Ag (various sizes plus cavity dressing)  
Kelo-cote UV  
ScarSil gel

### Addition to part XVIIIB(i) (Nurse prescribers formulary)

Nicotine Oral Spray NPF

### NCSO August (same as July)

Betahistine 8mg tablets  
Lofepamine 70mg tablets  
Mebeverine 135mg tablets

