



**cate'schemist**

*Caring for you...*

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- Design, technical and works support for projects;
- Management, management consulting, coaching and business services support to residential care, medical centres and other health businesses.

For more information on our supplies and services call in store or visit <http://www.cateschemist.com.au/products-amp-services>.

## Pharmacy News

### Delisting:

A number of changes to the PBS occurred on 1 Jan 2016. See Page 2 for specific deletions or restrictions on these medicines:

- Panadol Osteo, Osteomol, and Paracetamol
- Ferro-tabs and Ferro-F tablets
- Aspirin and Spren
- Chlorsig eye drops and ointment
- Gastrogel liquid, Mylanta P and Gaviscon P
- Folic acid 0.5mg and 5mg
- Hydrocortisone 1%
- Nystatin oral drops

### Claiming a Script under Cate's Chemist Community Care

Doctors can now authorise their script to be paid for using the Emergency Fund of the Cate's Chemist Community Care Program.

See page 3 for instructions on how to use this fund.

### Discounting the PBS Copayment

Cate's Chemist continues to guarantee the lowest price on pensioner and concession scripts, so we offer the maximum allowable discount to valid pension and concession card holders. Same as discount pharmacies.

### Centepay

Cate's Chemist is now authorised to accept payments by Centrepay. This may be useful for any patients receiving Centrelink welfare payments. You can advise relevant patients to ask us in store if this might help them.

### Trading Hours

Cate's Chemist has ceased trading on Thursday evenings. The pharmacy usually operated at a loss from 6 to 8 pm, and we believe it is better to run a loss for other services such as free delivery.

### Opening hours:

Monday to Fri: 8.30am to 6pm

Saturday: 8.30am to 1pm

Closed for Sundays and Public Holidays

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**Delisting**

- Panadol Osteo 665mg tablets have been removed. Osteomol is still available for ATSI patients only but the scripts need to be written as Osteomol. Paracetamol 500mg is also available for ATSI patients only.
- Ferro-tabs and Ferro-F tablets have been removed, the only iron available now is Ferro liquid 250ml.
- 100mg aspirin tablets has been removed. Spren is the only brand of 100mg aspirin and is available for ATSI patients only.
- Chlorsig eye drops and ointment have been removed for all patients. Tobrex and Soframycin remain on the PBS.
- Gastrogel liquid has been removed, however Mylanta P and Gaviscon P remain available for ATSI patients.
- Folic acid 0.5mg and 5mg have been restricted to ATSI patients only.
- Hydrocortisone 1% 30g ointment and cream have been removed however they remain available in the 50g size.
- Nystatin oral drops have been removed, only the 500,000iu tablets and capsules remain.

For your information and that of your general patients:

- Osteomol 665mg tabs 96 \$5.45
- Panadol Osteo 665mg tabs 96 \$8.95
- Ferro tabs 60 \$9.45
- Ferro-F tabs 60 \$9.95
- Mayne aspirin 100mg tabs 112 \$2.95
- Chlorsig eye drops or ointment \$10.95
- APO-Chloramphenicol eye drops \$9.95
- Mycostatin oral drops \$8.75

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### **Claiming Scripts under the Cate's Chemist Community Care Program**

Cate and Eliese are concerned that recent changes to the PBS, especially delisting several medicines, may have undesirable consequences for some low income, at risk patients. Some patients are now expected to pay for medicines they used to get for 'free', it is quite possible that some in the community may cease taking medications they need for real health outcomes. The Pharmacy Guild is taking this matter up with government, on behalf of Cate's Chemist and other concerned pharmacies.

Since 2007, Cate's Chemist has maintained a Community Care Program to support community initiatives in health, education, sport, volunteer organisations, and the environment (for more information visit <http://www.cateschemist.com.au/community-care>). Part of the program is a discretionary Emergency Fund maintained in the budget to cater for those whose support cannot be forecast. Previous examples of using the emergency Fund include cyclone, flood and tsunami.

A Doctor can now authorise their script to be paid for using the Emergency Fund of the Cate's Chemist Community Care Program in the following manner:

- The intent of fund is to protect low income, at risk patients that are likely to cease taking medication that they used to get for free, and now they have to pay for.
- The script needs to be dispensed at Cate's Chemist.
- The script needs to be annotated 'Cate's Chemist Community Care' or 'CCCC', in the same way they identify scripts for CTG entitlements.
- The fund budget is limited to \$1000 each financial year. Once it is gone, it is gone. Doctors making use of the program will be notified when the budget has been exceeded.

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