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Dear Pharmacist,

As you are aware, the Minister for Health signed the Commencement Order for the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 on 24 June 2013. In compliance with the legislation, please find set out below the reference prices effective 1 March 2016 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed.

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per tablet
Olanzapine 2.5mg tabs/ Orodispersible tabs	IC0007-018-035	€5.60	€0.2000
Olanzapine 5mg tabs/ Orodispersible tabs	IC0007-001-038	€9.00	€0.3214
Olanzapine 7.5mg tabs/ Orodispersible tabs	IC0007-041-038	€13.50	€0.4821
Olanzapine 10mg tabs/ Orodispersible tabs	IC0007-002-038	€18.00	€0.6429
Olanzapine 15mg tabs/ Orodispersible tabs	IC0007-032-038	€27.00	€0.9643
Olanzapine 20mg tabs/ Orodispersible tabs	IC0007-003-038	€36.00	€1.2857
Anastrozole 1mg tabs	IC0011-039-003	€1.00	€0.7500

\*Pro rata prices will apply for different pack sizes as appropriate

Product	Group	Price per 14*	Price per 7	Price per tablet
Clarithromycin 250mg tabs	IC0072-130-003	€2.97		€0.2121
Clarithromycin 500mg tabs	IC0072-117-003	€5.94		€0.4243
Clarithromycin Prolonged Release (LA) 500mg tabs	IC0072-117-050		€6.11	€0.8729

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Product	Group	Price per 84*	Price per 56*	Price per 60*	Price per tablet
Metformin 500mg tabs	IC0067-117-003	€2.00			€0.0238
Metformin 850mg tabs	IC0067-118-003		€2.11		€0.0377
Metformin 1000mg tabs	IC0067-119-003			€3.00	€0.0500

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Product	Group	Price per 70ml*	Price per ml	Price per 14	Price per tablet
Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 400/57mg Powder for Oral Suspension	IC0037-076-034	€3.56	€0.0509		
Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid 875/125mg tabs	IC0037-072-003			€8.35	€0.5964

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From 1 March 2016, the HSE will reimburse the notified reference price for the relevant interchangeable products detailed above unless informed by the Pharmacist that the GP has stated 'Do not substitute' in his/her own handwriting on any prescription presented for dispensing for any of the products in interchangeable groups.

Where a product is prescribed that is within one of the groups of interchangeable medicinal products, having completed the dispensing function, Pharmacists are asked to record how the Medical Practitioner has prescribed by confirming one of the following:

- a) INN Prescribed
- b) Branded Generic Prescribed
- c) Proprietary Prescribed
- d) Do Not Substitute invoked.

If a patient presents a Non GMS prescription where the Prescriber has written 'Do Not Substitute' it is important for the Pharmacy to ensure that a photocopy of the prescription is retained so it can be made available to the PCRS as necessary to validate any claim for extra costs arising.

Your cooperation in ensuring a smooth transition for patients is requested.

Yours faithfully,



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