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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 May 2015 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed.

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per tablet
Atorvastatin 10mg	IC001-002-003	€2.52	€0.0900
Atorvastatin 20mg	IC001-003-003	€3.64	€0.1300
Atorvastatin 40mg	IC001-004-003	€5.32	€0.1900
Atorvastatin 80mg	IC001-005-003	€7.84	€0.2800
Rosuvastatin 5mg	IC0006-001-003	€5.88	€0.2100
Rosuvastatin 10mg	IC0006-002-003	€7.28	€0.2600
Rosuvastatin 20mg	IC0006-003-003	€11.76	€0.4200
Rosuvastatin 40mg	IC0006-004-003	€12.32	€0.4400
Simvastatin 10mg	IC0018-002-003	€1.96	€0.0700
Simvastatin 20mg	IC0018-003-003	€2.80	€0.1000
Simvastatin 40mg	IC0018-004-003	€3.64	€0.1300
Pravastatin 10mg	IC0014-002-014	€2.80	€0.1000
Pravastatin 20mg	IC0014-003-014	€4.76	€0.1700
Pravastatin 40mg	IC0014-004-014	€6.16	€0.2200

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

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per cap./tablet
Esomeprazole 20mg	IC0004-003-016	€4.20	€0.1500
Esomeprazole 40mg	IC0004-004-016	€6.44	€0.2300
Lansoprazole 15mg	IC0008-032-033	€3.36	€0.1200
Lansoprazole 30mg	IC0008-033-033	€4.76	€0.1700
Pantoprazole 20mg	IC0013-003-005	€3.08	€0.1100
Pantoprazole 40mg	IC0013-004-005	€3.36	€0.1200
Omeprazole 10mg	IC0010-002-016	€3.36	€0.1200
Omeprazole 20mg	IC0010-003-016	€3.36	€0.1200
Omeprazole 40mg	IC0010-004-016	€3.36	€0.2400
Rabeprazole 10mg	IC0015-002-005	€4.76	€0.1700
Rabeprazole 20mg	IC0015-003-005	€6.44	€0.2300

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per tablet
Citalopram 10mg	IC0073-002-003	€2.24	€0.0800
Citalopram 20mg	IC0073-003-003	€3.36	€0.1200
Citalopram 40mg	IC0073-004-003	€6.72	€0.2400

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Product	Group	Price per 4	Price per 30*	Price per cap./tablet
Alendronic Acid 70mg	IC0051-101-002	€5.04		€1.2600
Fluoxetine 20mg	IC0075-003-001		€3.60	€0.1200

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From 1 May 2015, 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,



Patrick Burke  
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