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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. Set out below are the reference prices for the next groups of interchangeable medicinal products, Lercanidipine, Pantoprazole, Ramipril and Quetiapine, for which a reference price has been determined by the HSE.

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 60*	Price per tab/cap
Lercanidipine 10mg	IC0020-002-003	€3.9200		€0.1400
Lercanidipine 20mg	IC0020-003-003	€6.4400		€0.2300
Pantoprazole 20mg	IC0013-003-005	€4.7600		€0.1700
Pantoprazole 40mg	IC0013-004-005	€8.4000		€0.3000
Ramipril 1.25mg	IC0016-044-008	€2.1000		€0.0750
Ramipril 2.5mg	IC0016-018-008	€2.8000		€0.1000
Ramipril 5mg	IC0016-001-008	€3.6400		€0.1300
Ramipril 10mg	IC0016-002-008	€4.9000		€0.1750
Quetiapine 25mg	IC0019-022-003		€12.0000	€0.2000
Quetiapine 100mg	IC0019-024-003		€34.8000	€0.5800
Quetiapine 200mg	IC0019-067-003		€40.2000	€0.6700
Quetiapine 300mg	IC0019-029-003		€64.8000	€1.0800

*ProRata Prices will apply for different pack sizes where such apply.

From 1 April 2014, 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:

- INN prescribed
- Branded Generic Prescribed
- Proprietary Prescribed
- 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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