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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 August 2016 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed:

Product	Group	Price per 4*	Price per Tablet
Alendronic Acid & Colecalciferol Tabs. 70 mg./2800 IU	IC0052-102-002	€10.65	€2.6625
Alendronic Acid & Colecalciferol Tabs. 70 mg./5600 IU	IC0052-103-002	€8.09	€2.0225

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

Product	Group	Price per 60*	Price per 120*	Price per Tablet
Capecitabine Tabs. 150 mg.	IC0079-062-003	€20.74		€0.3457
Capecitabine Tabs. 500 mg.	IC0079-117-003		€123.12	€1.0260

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per 100*	Price per Tablet
Clopidogrel Film Coated Tabs. 75 mg.	IC0005-028-003	€5.04	€5.40	€18.00	€0.1800

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Lercanidipine Film Coated Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0020-002-003	€3.18	€0.1136
Lercanidipine Film Coated Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0020-003-003	€4.76	€0.1700

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Product	Group	Price per 20*	Price per 28*	Price per 60*	Price per Tablet
Risperidone Film Coated/Orodispersible Tabs. 0.5 mg.	IC0012-040-015	€2.20			€0.1100
Risperidone Film Coated/Orodispersible Tabs. 1 mg.	IC0012-039-015	€2.41	€3.37	€7.23	€0.1205
Risperidone Film Coated/Orodispersible Tabs. 2 mg.	IC0012-006-015		€5.29	€11.34	€0.1890
Risperidone Film Coated/Orodispersible Tabs. 3 mg.	IC0012-045-015		€7.68	€16.46	€0.2743
Risperidone Film Coated/Orodispersible Tabs. 4 mg.	IC0012-008-015		€10.70	€22.94	€0.3823

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 30*	Price per Tablet
Risperidone Film Coated Tabs. 6 mg.	IC0012-046-003	€25.62	€27.45	€0.9150

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Product	Group	Price per 100 ml.*	Price per ml.
Risperidone Soln. 1 mg./ml.	IC0012-047-019	€23.73	€0.2373

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Product	Group	Price per 5*	Price per Capsule
Temozolomide Caps. 5 mg.	IC0080-001-001	€9.46	€1.8920
Temozolomide Caps. 20 mg.	IC0080-003-001	€37.84	€7.5680
Temozolomide Caps. 100 mg.	IC0080-024-001	€189.22	€37.8440
Temozolomide Caps. 140 mg.	IC0080-134-001	€285.97	€57.1940
Temozolomide Caps. 180 mg.	IC0080-135-001	€367.68	€73.5360
Temozolomide Caps. 250 mg.	IC0080-130-001	€473.04	€94.6080

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From 1 August 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 co-operation in ensuring a smooth transition for patients is requested.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Marie Hoey".

Anne Marie Hoey,
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