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Circular 037/22

**Re: Paxlovid™ (PF-07321332 + ritonavir)**

Dear Pharmacist,

I refer to Circular 009/22 and the ordering process for Paxlovid™. Community Pharmacies can now order the product through United Drug with normal deliveries, on foot of a valid prescription. As before, it is not to be ordered for stock purposes alone. Orders made through the bespoke arrangements to [DTP@united-drug.com](mailto:DTP@united-drug.com) are no longer required.

Ongoing stewardship for this product remains in place. Therefore, pharmacies are still required to forward by Healthmail a copy of the Paxlovid™ prescription to [pharmacy.response@hse.ie](mailto:pharmacy.response@hse.ie). Please include the pharmacy GMS contract number in the email correspondence to ensure payment of the patient care fee.

Administrative Code	Drug Name	Pack Size	Pharmaceutical Form
89181	Paxlovid 150mg/100mg	30	Film Coated Tabs

The HSE Medicines Management Programme would like to remind pharmacists that there are a number of resources available to support the prescribing of Paxlovid™ including:

- Paxlovid™ Prescribing Guidance Summary for Community Settings, available on [www.antibioticprescribing.ie](http://www.antibioticprescribing.ie) which outlines the eligibility criteria and other important considerations for prescribing Paxlovid™.
- HSE Interim Guidance for the Pharmacological Management of patients with COVID-19 which outlines more detailed information regarding Paxlovid™.

The following resources are available to support the review of a medication list for drug-drug interactions involving Paxlovid™:

- University of Liverpool drug interaction checker
- Paxlovid™ Summary of Product Characteristics

Yours faithfully,

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