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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, Donepezil and Montelukast, for which a reference price has been determined by the HSE.

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per tablet
Donepezil 5mg film coated tabs / orodispersible tabs	IC0062-001-015	€20.00	€0.7143
Donepezil 10mg film coated tabs / orodispersible tabs	IC0062-002-015	€28.00	€1.0000
Montelukast 10mg film coated Tabs	IC0023-002-003	€10.89	€0.3889
Montelukast 5mg chewable tabs	IC0023-001-007	€10.89	€0.3889
Montelukast 4mg chewable tabs	IC0023-008-007	€10.89	€0.3889

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

From 1 August 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:

- 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Burke', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Burke
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