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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, Pravastatin, Lansoprazole and Omeprazole, for which a reference price has been determined by the HSE.

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 14*	Price per tab/ cap
Pravastatin 10mg	IC0014-002-014	€3.3600		€0.1200
Pravastatin 20mg	IC0014-003-014	€5.8800		€0.2100
Pravastatin 40mg	IC0014-004-014	€7.8400		€0.2800
Lansoprazole 15mg	IC0008-032-033	€4.7600		€0.1700
Lansoprazole 30mg	IC0008-033-033	€8.4000	€4.2000	€0.3000
Omeprazole 10mg	IC0010-002-016	€4.7600		€0.1700
Omeprazole 20mg	IC0010-003-016	€8.4000		€0.3000
Omeprazole 40mg	IC0010-004-016		€8.4000	€0.6000

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

From 1 March 2014, the HSE will reimburse the notified reference price for the relevant interchangeable products set out 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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