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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 1st March 2017 for the groups of interchangeable medicinal products listed:

Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Anastrozole Film Coated Tabs. 1 mg.	IC0011-039-003	€16.80	€0.6000

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

Product	Group	Price per 150 ml.*	Price per ml.
Aripiprazole Oral Soln. 1 mg./ml.	IC0092-047-019	€54.24	€0.3616

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per Tablet
Aripiprazole Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0092-001-056	€21.00	€0.7500
Aripiprazole Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0092-002-056	€23.80	€0.8500
Aripiprazole Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 15 mg.	IC0092-032-056	€23.80	€0.8500
Aripiprazole Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 30 mg.	IC0092-033-056	€40.60	€1.4500

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 56*	Price per Capsule
Duloxetine Gastro-Resistant Caps. 20 mg.	IC0091-003-006	€8.40		€0.3000
Duloxetine Gastro-Resistant Caps. 30 mg.	IC0091-033-006	€5.61		€0.2004
Duloxetine Gastro-Resistant Caps. 40 mg.	IC0091-004-006		€16.80	€0.3000
Duloxetine Gastro-Resistant Caps. 60 mg.	IC0091-127-006	€8.40		€0.3000

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Product	Group	Price per 28*	Price per 56*	Price per Tablet
Olanzapine Tabs./Coated Tabs./Film Coated Tabs. 2.5 mg.	IC0007-018-035	€5.04		€0.1800
Olanzapine Tabs./Coated Tabs./Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 5 mg.	IC0007-001-038	€8.12		€0.2900
Olanzapine Tabs./Coated Tabs./Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 7.5 mg.	IC0007-041-038	€12.33	€24.65	€0.4402
Olanzapine Tabs./Coated Tabs./Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 10 mg.	IC0007-002-038	€13.17	€26.34	€0.4704
Olanzapine Tabs./Coated Tabs./Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs.15 mg.	IC0007-032-038	€21.00		€0.7500
Olanzapine Tabs./Coated Tabs./Film Coated Tabs./Orodispersible Tabs. 20 mg.	IC0007-003-038	€26.32		€0.9400

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From 1 March 2017, 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,



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