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DRUGS & THERAPEUTIC COMMITTEE 1 /2012 MEETING RESULTS

The first Drug and Therapeutics Committee Meeting was held recently on 2nd March 2012. The results of the meeting has been implemented starting 1st May 2012 and the list are as follows:

No	New Drugs	Category/Maximum usage	Indication/Approval
1.	Agomelatine 25mg Tab (VALDOXAN®) 	Category A*: Psychiatrist only Maximum usage: 50 patients per year * To share allocation with other 'antidepressants' (ie Cymbalta, Lexapro, Remeron and Valdoxan). Maximum usage limited to RM1.6 million.	ANTIDEPRESSANT Indication: Treatment of major depressive episodes in adults. Dose: 25 mg once daily taken orally at bedtime, with or without food. Can go up to 50mg daily
2.	Sugammadex 100mg/mL Inj, 2mL (BRIDION®) 	Category A*: Anesthesiologists only Maximum usage: 120 ampoules per year.	ANTIDOTES Indication: Reversal of neuromuscular blockage induced by Rocuronium or Vecuronium In patients with neuromuscular disease (e.g.: myasthenia gravis); Morbidly obese; Pulmonary diseases; Elderly; Cardiac patients Dose: 4mg/kg if recovery reached at least 1-2 post-tetanic counts or Single bolus injection 2mg/kg at the reappearance of T2 following Rocuronium or Vecuronium- induced blockade. Immediate reversal of rocuronium-induced blockade : 16mg/kg, 3 min after bolus dose. To be kept in the DDA cabinet
3.	Ticagrelor 90mg Tab (BRILINTA®) 	Category A* : Cardiologists only Maximum usage: RM152,160.00/ year. To share allocation with other "Platelet aggregation Inhibitors" (ie Plavix, Effient, Ticlopidine, Cilostazol, Aspirin dan Ticagrelor). Maximum usage is limited to 1.5 million.	ANTIPLATELET Indication: Prevention of atherothrombotic events in adult patients with ACS (unstable angina, NSTEMI, STEMI); including patients managed with percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) or coronary artery by-pass graft (CABG). Dose: Single 180mg loading dose and then 90mg BD, with/without food.
4.	Dequalinium Chloride 10mg Vaginal Tab (FLUOMIZIN®) 	Category B : Pegawai Perubatan ke atas. Maximum usage : RM 9,000 setahun.	ANTIMICROBIAL Indication: Treatment of Bacterial Vaginosis, Vulvovaginal Candidiasis, Aerobic Bacterial Vaginal Infections and Mixed Infections Dose: One vaginal tablet daily in the evening for 6 days.

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5.	Dutasteride 0.5mg + Tamsulosin 0.4mg capsule (DUODART®) 	Category A*: Urologists only Maximum usage: Switching are allowed for existing patients who are already on 'Dutasteride + Tamsulosin/Alfuzosin'. New patients need to buy from Kedai Farmasi PPUKM. Allocation for 'Benign Prostate Hyperplasia' drugs (Alfuzosin, Tamsulosin, Dutasteride & Duodart) increase from RM1,356,278.00 to RM1.5 million per year.	DRUGS FOR BLADDER & PROSTATE DISORDERS Indication: Combination therapy for treatment of moderate to severe benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) symptoms. Dose: 1 capsule OD, with food (approx 30 min after meal) Do not crush/chew/open.

APPROVED ADD ON & AMENDMENTS ON FORMULATIONS/DOSAGE/CATEGORY

No	Drug	Details
1	Desloratadine 0.5mg/mL, 60mL Syrup & Desloratadine 5mg Tablet (AERIUS®) Before add on : A*: ENT specialists only	Add on : Prescribers : A*Respiratory Pediatricians Indication: 1) Treatment of seasonal and perennial allergic rhinitis with concomitant asthma 2) 2 nd line for patients not responding to Loratadine Maximum usage for Respiratory Unit, Pediatric Department : Syrup : RM20,000 / year 30,000 setahun Tab : RM10,000 / year
2	Mycophenolate Mofetil 500mg Tab (CELLCEPT®) Before add on : A*: Nephrologists, Hematologists, Ophtalmologists only	Add on : Prescribers : A* Rheumatologists Indication: Prophylaxis of acute organ rejection in patients receiving allogeneic renal, cardiac or hepatic transplants in combination with ciclosporin & Corticosteroids Maximum usage for Rheumatologists : 5 patients per year only

For Your Drug Information : Which DTP-IPV vaccine can be mixed with Hiberix ?

Infanrix-IPV (GSK) vaccine can be MIXED with Hiberix (GSK) vaccine in the SAME syringe.

Infanrix-IPV (Diphtheria, tetanus, Pertussis+ Injectable Polio) vaccine / Manufacturer

Hiberix®
(Haemophilus b Conjugate vaccine)

Compatible to mix in 1 syringe



Tetraxim



Hiberix®



(Ps. Pt needs to inject the vaccines separately) ☹️



Infanrix-IPV



Hiberix®



(Ps. Vaccines can be mixed in 1 syringe and pt injected once.) 😊

*We currently have 2 brands of DTP-IPV :

- A) Tetraxim
- B) Infanrix-IPV



Tetraxim is old stock. Please help to use to avoid wastage.
Thank you.

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