

Bulletin # 547

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## BENEFIT CHANGES TO NBPDP

This update to the New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program (NBPDP) Formulary is effective August 16, 2002.

### Included in this bulletin:

- **Regular Benefit Additions**
- **Special Authorization Additions**
- **Drugs Reviewed and Not Listed**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 1-800-332-3691.

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## REGULAR BENEFIT ADDITIONS

Drug/Form/Route/Strength	Brandname	DIN	Manufacturer	Plans	\$	
Fluticasone Propionate Aem Inh	50mcg	<b>Flovent HFA</b>	2244291	GSK	ABEFGVW	AAC
	125mcg	<b>Flovent HFA</b>	2244292	GSK	ABEFGVW	AAC
	250mcg	<b>Flovent HFA</b>	2244293	GSK	ABEFGVW	AAC

## SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION (PART B) ADDITIONS

### Linezolid (Zyvoxam®)

- 600mg Tablets

- For treatment of proven vancomycin-resistant *enterocci* (VRE) infections.
- For the treatment of proven methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) / methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (MRSE) infections in patients who are unresponsive to, or intolerant of, intravenous vancomycin or in whom intravenous vancomycin is not appropriate.

The drug must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an infectious disease specialist or medical microbiologist.

### Bosentan (Tracleer®)

- 62.5mg and 125mg Tablets

- For treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) in patients with
  1. World Health Organization (WHO) functional class III and IV primary pulmonary hypertension (PPH) or
  2. Pulmonary hypertension secondary to scleroderma

Who are non responsive to first line therapy (e.g. calcium channel blockers) or have failed a vasodilator test.

### Eprosartan Mesylate (Tevetan®)

- 300mg, 400mg, 600mg Tablets

- For the treatment of hypertension in patients who require an ACE Inhibitor but cannot tolerate it due to side effects.

### Oxybutynin XL (Ditropan XL®)

- 5mg and 10mg Tablets

- For the treatment of urinary frequency, urgency, or urge incontinence in patients who have discontinued oxybutynin immediate release due to intolerable side effects.

## DRUG REVIEWED AND NOT LISTED

### Progesterone

(Prometrium®)

- 100mg Capsules

- There is no convincing evidence that clearly demonstrates that micronized progesterone is a better choice than medroxyprogesterone for hormone replacement therapy.
- The cost of Prometrium® is significantly higher than medroxyprogesterone.

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Cost per unit</b>	<b>Cost per month</b>
Medroxyprogesterone 2.5mg	\$0.0794	\$ 2.38 (30 day cycle)
Medroxyprogesterone 5mg	\$0.1569	\$ 1.88 (12 day cycle)
Micronized progesterone 100mg	\$0.6180	\$14.83 (2 caps daily x 12 days)