

# **Palliative Care Drug Benefit Supplement**

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# SECTION 1

## Summary of Changes

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

None to report at this time.

## **SECTION 2**

# Introduction and Therapeutic Classification of Drugs

# INTRODUCTION

## Eligibility

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Benefits for the *Palliative Care Drug Coverage* are defined by the *Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List* and the *Palliative Care Drug Benefit Supplement* (which defines select hydrating agents, laxatives and other products as additional benefits).

In order for patients to be eligible for *Palliative Care Drug Coverage*, an application for the *Palliative Care Drug Program* must be completed and signed by both the patient (or guardian) and the physician. This *Palliative Care Drug Program* application form must be forwarded to Alberta Health and Wellness for their consideration and approval.

## Notes

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*Palliative Care Drug Coverage* will pay the prescription charge for hydrating agents using the guidelines for injectable drugs as referenced in the Schedule of Prices in Appendix A of the *ABC Benefits Corporation Pharmacy Agreement*.

## Price Policy

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All prices printed in the *Supplement* and the *List* are based on responses to a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the period of time during which the *Supplement* and *List* are effective. An RFQ was sent to all pharmaceutical manufacturers whose products are included or were under review for possible addition to the *Supplement* and/or the *List*.

It is the manufacturer's/vendor's responsibility to ensure supply of all products for which price quotes have been submitted. Failure to provide a RFQ and/or price quote may result in refusal to list a product, refusal to fast-track a submission, or a discontinued listing.

## Interchangeable Drug Products

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A box containing an X () to the left of the DIN or Product Identification Number (PIN) indicates that the product is **not** interchangeable with other products or interchangeability has not been assessed within the category. Refer to Policies and Guidelines Section 1 of the current *Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List* for further information regarding interchangeable drug products.

## Excluded Special Authorization Drug Products

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The following drug product(s) are listed in the special authorization section (Section 3) of the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List. However, special authorization coverage for these drug product(s) cannot be considered for those patients with Palliative Care Drug Coverage:

Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFG
NEULASTA 6 MG/0.6ML INJECTION SYRINGE	PEGFILGRASTIM	00002249790	AMG
NEUPOGEN 0.3 MG/ML INJECTION	FILGRASTIM	00001968017	AMG

**Excluded Criteria:**

“To decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia, in patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-neoplastic drugs with curative intent.

This drug product must be prescribed by the Directors of Alberta Cancer Board Centres (of their designates).”

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Trade Name / Strength / Form	Generic Description	DIN	MFG
HEPTOVIR 100 MG ORAL TABLET	LAMIVUDINE	00002239193	GSK

**Excluded Criteria:**

“For the prevention of Hepatitis B re-infection in patients who are Hepatitis B surface antigen positive and are undergoing high dose, short-term cytotoxic chemotherapy with curative intent or stem cell transplant procedures.”



**10:00 ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS**

10:00

**MEGESTROL ACETATE**

**40 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002195917	APO-MEGESTROL	APX	\$ 0.9054
00002185415	NU-MEGESTROL	NXP	\$ 0.9054

**160 MG ORAL TABLET**

00002195925	APO-MEGESTROL	APX	\$ 3.6267
00002185423	NU-MEGESTROL	NXP	\$ 3.6267
00000731323	MEGACE	BMS	\$ 5.6840

**40 MG/ML ORAL SUSPENSION**

00002168979	MEGACE OS	BMS	\$ 1.4860
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**28:00 CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM DRUGS**

28:08:08 OPIATE AGONISTS

**FENTANYL**

**12 MCG / HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH**

00002280345	DURAGESIC	JOI	\$ 4.5688
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**25 MCG / HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH**

00002249391	RAN-FENTANYL	RAN	\$ 5.9500
00002282941	RATIO-FENTANYL	RPH	\$ 5.9500
00001937383	DURAGESIC	JOI	\$ 10.1910

**50 MCG / HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH**

00002249413	RAN-FENTANYL	RAN	\$ 11.2000
00002282968	RATIO-FENTANYL	RPH	\$ 11.2000
00001937391	DURAGESIC	JOI	\$ 19.1780

**75 MCG / HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH**

00002249421	RAN-FENTANYL	RAN	\$ 15.7500
00002282976	RATIO-FENTANYL	RPH	\$ 15.7500
00001937405	DURAGESIC	JOI	\$ 26.9718

**100 MCG / HR TRANSDERMAL PATCH**

00002249448	RAN-FENTANYL	RAN	\$ 19.6000
00002282984	RATIO-FENTANYL	RPH	\$ 19.6000
00001937413	DURAGESIC	JOI	\$ 33.5723

**FENTANYL CITRATE**

**0.05 MG / ML (BASE)**

**INJECTION**

00000888346	FENTANYL CITRATE	HSP	\$ 1.7250
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**40:00 ELECTROLYTIC, CALORIC, WATER BALANCE**

40:12 REPLACEMENT PREPARATIONS

**PARENTERAL SOLUTIONS (LARGE & SMALL VOL)**

**0.9% INJECTION**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00000990040	0.9% SODIUM CHLORIDE	XXX	\$ 0.0000
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**3.3% / 0.3% INJECTION**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00000990034	3.3% DEXTROSE W 0.3% NACL (2/3-1/3)	XXX	\$ 0.0000
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**3.3% / 0.3% / 0.15% INJECTION**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00000990037	3.3% DEXT/0.3% NACL W 0.15 % KCL 20 MEQ	XXX	\$ 0.0000
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**3.3% / 0.3% / 0.3% INJECTION**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00000990038	3.3% DEXT/0.3% NACL W 0.3% KCL 40 MEQ	XXX	\$ 0.0000
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**PALLIATIVE CARE DRUG BENEFIT SUPPLEMENT**

<b>5% INJECTION</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000990033	5% DEXTROSE (D5W)	XXX	\$ 0.0000
<b>5% / 0.15% INJECTION</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000990035	5% DEXTROSE W 0.15% KCL 20 MEQ	XXX	\$ 0.0000
<b>5% / 0.3% INJECTION</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000990036	5% DEXTROSE W 0.3% KCL 40 MEQ	XXX	\$ 0.0000
<b>INJECTION</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000990039	LACTATED RINGER'S	XXX	\$ 0.0000
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<b>POTASSIUM CHLORIDE (K+)</b>				
<b>2 MEQ / ML INJECTION</b>				
	00000037869	POTASSIUM CHLORIDE	HSP	\$ 0.0665
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<b>SODIUM CHLORIDE</b>				
<b>0.9% INJECTION</b>				
	00000037796	SODIUM CHLORIDE	HSP	\$ 0.0970
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**56:00 GASTROINTESTINAL DRUGS**

**56:12 CATHARTICS & LAXATIVES**

**BISACODYL**

**5 MG ORAL ENTERIC-COATED TABLET**

	00000587273	PMS-BISACODYL	PPH	\$ 0.0486
	00000545023	APO-BISACODYL	APX	\$ 0.0633
	00000254142	DULCOLAX	BOE	\$ 0.1208

**5 MG RECTAL SUPPOSITORY**

	00000003867	DULCOLAX	BOE	\$ 1.0933
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**10 MG RECTAL SUPPOSITORY**

	00000582883	PMS-BISACODYL	PMS	\$ 0.5014
	00000003875	DULCOLAX	BOE	\$ 0.5607
	00000754595	APO-BISACODYL	APX	\$ 0.7033

**DOCUSATE CALCIUM**

**240 MG ORAL CAPSULE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000809055	RATIO-DOCUSATE CALCIUM	RPH	\$ 0.0650
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000806226	CALAX	ODN	\$ 0.0816
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000842044	NOVO-DOCUSATE CALCIUM	NOP	\$ 0.0816
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000664553	PMS-DOCUSATE CALCIUM	PMS	\$ 0.1290

**DOCUSATE SODIUM**

**4 MG / ML ORAL SYRUP**

	00000870226	RATIO-DOCUSATE SODIUM	RPH	\$ 0.0190
	00000695033	SELAX	ODN	\$ 0.0220
	00002086018	COLACE	WSP	\$ 0.0232
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000703508	PMS-DOCUSATE SODIUM	PMS	\$ 0.0232

**10 MG / ML ORAL DROPS**

	00000870218	DOCUSATE SODIUM	ROG	\$ 0.1728
	00002006723	SOFLAX	PMS	\$ 0.1732
	00002090163	COLACE	WSP	\$ 0.1770

**50 MG / ML ORAL SYRUP**

	00000848417	PMS-DOCUSATE SODIUM	PMS	\$ 0.8584
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**PALLIATIVE CARE DRUG BENEFIT SUPPLEMENT**

**100 MG ORAL CAPSULE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000870196	RATIO-DOCUSATE SODIUM	RPH	\$ 0.0250
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002245079	APO-DOCUSATE SODIUM	APX	\$ 0.0383
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000703494	PMS-DOCUSATE SODIUM	PMS	\$ 0.0383
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000716731	DOCUSATE SODIUM	TAR	\$ 0.0383
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00001994344	SOFLAX	PMS	\$ 0.0383
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000514888	SELAX	ODN	\$ 0.0383
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002020084	NOVO-DOCUSATE SODIUM	NOP	\$ 0.0470
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002106256	COLACE	WSP	\$ 0.1310

**200 MG ORAL CAPSULE**

	00002029529	SOFLAX	PMS	\$ 0.0810
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**250 MG ORAL CAPSULE**

	00002006596	SELAX 250	ODN	\$ 0.0950
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**SENNA**

**8.6 MG ORAL TABLET**

	00001949292	RIVA-SENNA	RIV	\$ 0.0495
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**SENNOSIDES**

**1.7 MG / ML ORAL SYRUP**

	00000367729	SENOKOT	PUR	\$ 0.0463
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**8.6 MG ORAL TABLET**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002089653	SANDOZ SENNOSIDES	SDZ	\$ 0.0464
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000896411	PMS-SENNOSIDES	PPH	\$ 0.0588
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002068109	SENNATAB	PMS	\$ 0.0597
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000026158	SENOKOT	PUR	\$ 0.0860

**12 MG ORAL TABLET**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00002089645	SANDOZ SENNOSIDES	SDZ	\$ 0.0555
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	00000896403	PMS-SENNOSIDES	PPH	\$ 0.0693

**SENNOSIDES/DOCUSATE SODIUM**

**8.6 MG / 50 MG ORAL TABLET**

	00000026123	SENOKOT S	PUR	\$ 0.1763
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**SODIUM PHOSPHATE/SODIUM ACID PHOSPHATE**

**10.4 G / 3.9 G PEDIATRIC ENEMA**

	00000108065	FLEET ENEMA PEDIATRIC (65 ML)	MCL	\$ 4.0500
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**10.4 G / 3.9 G RECTAL ENEMA**

	00002096900	ENEMOL	PMS	\$ 2.9600
	00000009911	FLEET ENEMA	JJM	\$ 4.0300

**SODIUM CITRATE/SORBITOL/SODIUM LAURYL SULFOACETATE**

**90 MG / 625 MG / 9 MG RECTAL ENEMA**

	00002063905	MICROLAX MICRO-ENEMA	PFI	\$ 1.5450
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**72:00 LOCAL ANESTHETICS**

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**BUPIVACAINE HCL**

**0.25% INJECTION**

	00001976141	SENSORCAINE	AZC	\$ 0.3636
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**0.5% INJECTION**

	00001976168	SENSORCAINE	AZC	\$ 0.3636
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PALLIATIVE CARE DRUG BENEFIT SUPPLEMENT

**BUPIVACAINE HCL/ EPINEPHRINE BITARTRATE**

**0.25% INJECTION**

00001976184      SENSORCAINE WITH EPINEPHRINE      AZC      \$ 0.3580

**0.5% INJECTION**

00001976206      SENSORCAINE WITH EPINEPHRINE      AZC      \$ 0.3580

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# **APPENDICES**

Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Alphabetical List of  
Pharmaceutical Products

Numerical List by Drug  
Identification Number

**Appendix 1:**  
**Pharmaceutical Manufacturers**

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	<b>A</b>		<b>P</b>
<b>APX</b>	Apotex Inc.	<b>PMS</b>	Pharmascience Inc.
<b>AZC</b>	AstraZeneca Canada Inc.	<b>PPH</b>	Pendopharm Inc.
		<b>PUR</b>	Purdue Pharma
	<b>B</b>		<b>R</b>
<b>BMS</b>	Bristol-Myers Squibb	<b>RAN</b>	Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc.
<b>BOE</b>	Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd.	<b>RIV</b>	Laboratoire Riva Inc.
		<b>ROG</b>	Rougier Pharma Inc. (Div. of ratiopharm)
	<b>H</b>	<b>RPH</b>	ratiopharm
<b>HSP</b>	Hospira Healthcare Corporation		
	<b>J</b>		<b>S</b>
<b>JJM</b>	Johnson & Johnson-Merck	<b>SDZ</b>	Sandoz Canada Inc.
<b>JOI</b>	Janssen-Ortho Inc.		
	<b>M</b>		<b>T</b>
<b>MCL</b>	McNeil Consumer Products Co.	<b>TAR</b>	Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc.
	<b>N</b>		<b>W</b>
<b>NOP</b>	Novopharm Ltd.	<b>WSP</b>	Wellspring Pharmaceutical Canada Corp.
<b>NXP</b>	Nu-Pharm Inc.		
	<b>O</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>ODN</b>	Odan Laboratories Ltd.	<b>XXX</b>	Miscellaneous Manufacturers

Appendix 2

Alphabetical List of Pharmaceutical Products

Product Name	Page	Product Name	Page
<b>NUMERIC</b>			
0.9% SODIUM CHLORIDE .....	3		
3.3% DEXTROSE W 0.3% NACL (2/3-1/3) ...	3		
3.3% DEXT/0.3% NACL			
W 0.15 % KCL 20 MEQ.....	3		
3.3% DEXT/0.3% NACL			
W 0.3% KCL 40 MEQ.....	3		
5% DEXTROSE (D5W) .....	4		
5% DEXTROSE W 0.15% KCL 20 MEQ.....	4		
5% DEXTROSE W 0.3% KCL 40 MEQ.....	4		
<b>A</b>			
APO-BISACODYL.....	4		
APO-DOCUSATE SODIUM .....	5		
APO-MEGESTROL .....	3		
<b>B</b>			
BISACODYL.....	4		
BUPIVACAINE HCL.....	5		
BUPIVACAINE HCL/ EPINEPHRINE			
BITARTRATE .....	6		
<b>C</b>			
CALAX .....	4		
COLACE .....	4		
COLACE .....	5		
<b>D</b>			
DOCUSATE CALCIUM .....	4		
DOCUSATE SODIUM.....	4		
DOCUSATE SODIUM.....	5		
DULCOLAX.....	4		
DURAGESIC .....	3		
<b>E</b>			
ENEMOL.....	5		
<b>F</b>			
FENTANYL .....	3		
FENTANYL CITRATE .....	3		
FLEET ENEMA .....	5		
FLEET ENEMA PEDITARIC (65ML).....	5		
<b>L</b>			
LACTATED RINGER'S .....	4		
<b>M</b>			
MEGACE.....	3		
MEGACE OS .....	3		
MEGESTROL ACETATE .....	3		
MICROLAX MICRO - ENEMA.....	5		
<b>N</b>			
NOVO-DOCUSATE CALCIUM.....	4		
NOVO-DOCUSATE SODIUM.....	5		
NU-MEGESTROL.....	3		
<b>P</b>			
PARENTERAL SOLUTIONS (LARGE &			
SMALL VOL) .....	3		
PMS-BISACODYL .....	4		
PMS-DOCUSATE CALCIUM.....	4		
PMS-DOCUSATE SODIUM .....	4		
PMS-DOCUSATE SODIUM .....	5		
PMS-SENNOSIDES .....	5		
POTASSIUM CHLORIDE .....	4		
<b>R</b>			
RAN-FENTANYL .....	3		
RATIO-FENTANYL.....	3		
RATIO-DOCUSATE CALCIUM .....	4		
RATIO-DOCUSATE SODIUM .....	4		
RATIO-DOCUSATE SODIUM .....	5		
RIVA-SENNA.....	5		
<b>S</b>			
SELAX .....	4		
SELAX .....	5		
SELAX 250 .....	5		
SENNA .....	5		
SENNATAB .....	5		
SENNOSIDES .....	5		
SENNOSIDES/DOCUSATE SODIUM .....	5		
SENOKOT .....	5		
SENOKOT S.....	5		
SENSORCAINE.....	5		
SENSORCAINE WITH EPINEPHRINE .....	6		
SODIUM CHLORIDE.....	3		
SODIUM CITRATE/SORBITOL/			
SODIUM LAURYL SULFOACETATE .....	5		
SODIUM PHOSPHATE / SODIUM ACID			
PHOSPHATE.....	5		
SOFLAX .....	4		
SOFLAX .....	5		

### Appendix 3 Numerical List by Drug Identification Numbers

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DIN	Page	DIN	Page	DIN	Page
0000003867 .....	4	0000896411 .....	5	00002106256 .....	5
0000003875 .....	4	0000990033 .....	4	00002168979 .....	3
0000009911 .....	5	0000990034 .....	3	00002185415 .....	3
0000026123 .....	5	0000990035 .....	4	00002185423 .....	3
0000026158 .....	5	0000990036 .....	4	00002195917 .....	3
0000037796 .....	4	0000990037 .....	3	00002195925 .....	3
0000037869 .....	4	0000990038 .....	3	00002245079 .....	5
0000108065 .....	5	0000990039 .....	4	00002249391 .....	3
00000254142 .....	4	0000990040 .....	3	00002249413 .....	3
00000367729 .....	5	00001937383 .....	3	00002249421 .....	3
00000514888 .....	5	00001937391 .....	3	00002249448 .....	3
00000545023 .....	4	00001937405 .....	3	00002280345 .....	3
00000582883 .....	4	00001937413 .....	3	00002282941 .....	3
00000587273 .....	4	00001949292 .....	5	00002282968 .....	3
00000664553 .....	4	00001976141 .....	5	00002282976 .....	3
00000695033 .....	4	00001976168 .....	5	00002282984 .....	3
00000703494 .....	5	00001976184 .....	6		
00000703508 .....	4	00001976206 .....	6		
00000716731 .....	5	00001994344 .....	5		
00000731323 .....	3	00002006596 .....	5		
00000754595 .....	4	00002006723 .....	4		
00000806226 .....	4	00002020084 .....	5		
00000809055 .....	4	00002029529 .....	5		
00000842044 .....	4	00002063905 .....	5		
00000848417 .....	4	00002068109 .....	5		
00000870196 .....	4	00002086018 .....	4		
00000870218 .....	4	00002089645 .....	5		
00000870226 .....	4	00002089653 .....	5		
00000888346 .....	3	00002090163 .....	4		
00000896403 .....	5	00002096900 .....	5		