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Notice to remove certain Erectile Dysfunction Drugs (PDE5 Inhibitors) from the Reimbursement List (Effective 1st April 2017)

Dear Pharmacist,

The HSE has decided to cease reimbursement of Phosphodiesterase type-5 (PDE5) inhibitors for the treatment of erectile dysfunction with the exception of low cost reference priced Sildenafil. Many European countries do not reimburse PDE5 inhibitors for this indication.

This decision applies to both branded and parallel imported products. Formulations reimbursed under the High Tech arrangements for other indications (e.g. Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension) are not affected. Reimbursement support will no longer be provided under GMS and Community Drug Schemes from **1st April 2017**.

The HSE has considered the relevant criteria under the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 in reaching its decision. Continued reimbursement of higher cost PDE5 inhibitors for erectile dysfunction would reduce the capacity of the HSE to fund other services and technologies.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Marie Hoey
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GMS codes to be removed from Reimbursement List (Effective 1st April 2017)

Drug Code	Product Description	Non Proprietary Name	Pack Size	Strength	Unit	Pharmaceutical Form
17510	CIALIS	TADALAFIL	4	10	MG	TABS
17545	CIALIS	TADALAFIL	4	20	MG	TABS
17568	CIALIS (PHARMARAM LTD.)	TADALAFIL	4	10	MG	TABS
17569	CIALIS (PHARMARAM LTD.)	TADALAFIL	4	20	MG	TABS
17580	CIALIS (DONCASTER LTD.)	TADALAFIL	4	10	MG	TABS
77010	LEVITRA	VARDENAFIL	4	5	MG	TABS
77025	LEVITRA	VARDENAFIL	4	10	MG	TABS
77045	LEVITRA (PHARMARAM LTD.)	VARDENAFIL	4	10	MG	TABS
77046	LEVITRA (PHARMARAM LTD.)	VARDENAFIL	4	20	MG	TABS
77057	LEVITRA (DONCASTER LTD.)	VARDENAFIL	4	10	MG	TABS
77065	LEVITRA (P.C.O. MFG.)	VARDENAFIL	4	20	MG	TABS
77089	LEVITRA	VARDENAFIL	4	20	MG	TABS