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DELETION OF PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFIT ITEM EFFECTIVE 1 NOVEMBER 2013

Following is the advice of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee concerning the deletion of an item from the declaration under subsection 85(2) of the *National Health Act 1953*, with effect from the above date.

Item

PBAC Advice

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The PBAC agreed to the deletion after noting that the sponsor advised that the product had been discontinued due to low demand making continued production non-viable. The PBAC noted that numerous alternative non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) remain available on the PBS as Restricted benefits for 'chronic arthropathies (including osteoarthritis) with an inflammatory component' and therefore had no objections to the deletion request.

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