



## Formulary Update NH May Formulary Update Effective May 30, 2017

### Additions:

- a. Tiotropium bromide monohydrate inhaler 2.5 mcg/inhalation inhaler (Spiriva Respimat)  
Note: tiotropium 18 mcg capsules for inhalation use via Handihaler remains formulary  
These products are not interchangeable. As usual drug, dose and frequency to be indicated.  
(for more drug information, refer to the drug review on Our NH, under BCHA P&T Summaries)

### Additions: **Formulary Restricted**

- a. nivolumab INJ: restricted to indications outlined in the BCCA Benefit Drug List and patients registered with BCCA
- b. emtricitabine-tenofovir alafenamide hemifumarate (Descovy): restricted to approval of the Centre of Excellence (CFE) in HIV/AIDS.  
Caution! Two strengths available, each used in different treatment regimens! Select carefully!

### Changes in Restrictions:

- a. fomepizole injection: restricted to use approved by the BC Drug and Poison Information Center
- b. digoxin immune fab parenteral injection: restricted to use approved by the BC Drug and Poison Information Center
- c. methadone: restricted to:
  - continuation of prior to admission therapy for opioid dependence or for analgesia  
**OR**
  - physicians with a methadone exemption for opioid dependence or for analgesia (as per Section 56 of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act)

**Excluded:** Lurasidone oral solid

### Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DDP-4, Gliptin) Therapeutic Interchange Table update:

Update to the following line in the DDP-4 interchange table (refer to Our NH page for full TIP table details)

<b>sitagliptin 50 mg - metFORMIN long acting 500 mg PO (JANUMET XR EQUIV)</b>	<b>linagliptin 5 mg PO once daily plus metFORMIN 250 mg PO twice daily</b>
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**Discontinued medications (removed from formulary):** Diazepam emulsion (Diazemuls)

May 24, 2017  
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physicians, nurses and  
pharmacists  
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