

# NPPA cuts Piramal drug price

- Uses Para 10(b) to set drug price in public interest
- May next use rule to make cancer drugs affordable

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In a move that would benefit consumers suffering from systemic diseases, or life-threatening diseases that affect a number of organs and tissues, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has reduced the price of Piramal Healthcare's GATRI 400mg Film C Tabs under Para 10(b) of the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO).

The price of GATRI, a non-scheduled formulation pack used in the treatment of systemic infections, has been slashed 8% to Rs 73.70.

Para 10(b) confers powers on the drug pricing regulator to control and revise

prices of decontrolled drugs, outside the purview of price control, in public interest.

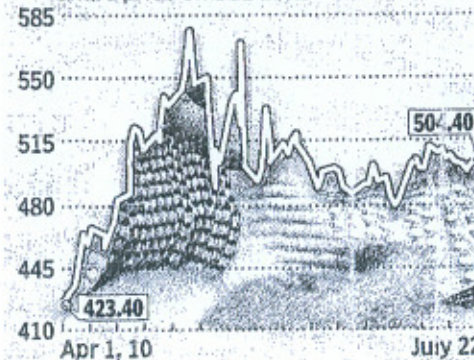
With this, the NPPA has until now brought 28 non-scheduled medicines under price control by invoking Para 10(b) of the DPCO.

It is now considering using Para 10(b) to make cancer drugs affordable to the masses.

The NPPA has also fixed/ revised the prices of 4 bulk drugs. It has hiked the prices of sulphamethoxazole, nalidixic acid and aspirin, while leaving the price of Amodiaquine unchanged.

The price of sulphamethoxazole, which is used for urinary tract infec-

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tions, has been increased 10.5% to Rs 439.

Nalidixic Acid, also used as raw material to treat urinary tract infections, has seen a 10% appreciation to Rs 1,927 per kg. Aspirin prices are now at Rs 134, up

from Rs 148, a jump of 10.8%. The drug is used as an analgesic to relieve minor aches and pains, as an antipyretic to reduce fever, and as an anti-inflammatory medication.

The price of Amodiaquine, which is used as an antimalarial and anti-inflammatory agent, has been left unchanged at Rs 675 per kg.

NPPA revises prices based on changes in the production and packaging costs.

The regulator has also fixed/ revised the prices of 105 formulation packs, including increasing the prices of insulin, used for the treatment of diabetes.

The price of mono-component insulin Humalog Kwik, manufactured by Lilly, has been increased 4% to Rs 501.62 for a 3 ml pre-filled Kwik Pen. The price of Humalog Mix 25 100 IU/ml cartridge prices has been raised to Rs 372.06 from Rs 358.64.

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