Notice: Drug Schedule Change - Esomeprazole

Esomeprazole or its salts, when sold for the 14-day treatment for frequent heartburn at a daily dose of 20 mg, in package sizes of no more than 280 mg of esomeprazole, has moved from Schedule I to Schedule II.

Schedule II includes those drugs that do not require a prescription as a condition of sale, but are only available from a pharmacist or certified dispenser and must be kept within an area of the pharmacy to which there is no public access and no opportunity for self-selection. The direct involvement and professional intervention from a pharmacist or certified dispenser is required prior to the release of the drug to the patient or the patient’s agent.

The drugs in this Schedule must be sold in accordance with the Standards of Practice approved by the NSCP Council.

Esomeprazole or its salts that do not meet the above requirements for Schedule II remain in Schedule I and therefore require a prescription as a condition of sale.

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