



Insulin Dependent Diabetes Trust –International

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Dear Members,

Great news - pork insulin is available within Australia!

As many of you are aware, people in Australia who need to use pork insulin have had to import it from the UK manufacturers, Wockhardt UK, through the Special Access Scheme and this has been costly and there have been problems with the Australian temperatures adversely affecting the insulin. I am delighted to tell you that the same pork insulins are now available from Aspen Pharmacare Australia. So although HYPURIN PORCINE is not a registered product, it is now available on the Special Access Scheme [SAS] on a case by case basis. Aspen Pharmacare is able to supply it quickly and at a lower cost from within Australia, so the problems with temperature and transportation are eliminated.

HYPURIN PORCINE insulin is a Category B product and applications for its supply through the SAS can only be made by registered medical practitioners by filling out a Category B form which then requires TGA approval on a case by case basis. Generally TGA approval takes 2 days. Once all the necessary paperwork is complete, Aspen will send the insulin to your doctor's office by courier in a cold storage container. The prices of the insulin include the cost of this delivery.

Aspen Pharmacare have prepared very clear instructions on how to order Hypurin Porcine insulin, the prices and the Special Access Scheme forms.

For copies or further information, please contact Aspen Pharmacare on:

Telephone (02) 8436 8300 or fax (02) 9901 3540

or visit their website at www.aspenpharma.com.au

We will also be posting the details on our website www.iddtinternational.org - click on IDDT International on the menu and then IDDT - Australia.

We must thank Aspen Pharmacare for helping people with diabetes who need pork insulin and for making a choice of insulins available again in Australia. I would also like to thank your representatives in Australia for their continued help and support I making this happen. If we can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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