

On the question of drug prices, Dr. Novitch has brought to my attention a very simple chart which the Ministry of Health makes available periodically to the physicians.

Senator NELSON. We will put that in the record at this stage in your testimony.

(The document referred to follows:)



Comparative Costs of
ANTIPYRETICS AND ANALGESICS

NOTE This list of preparations has been compiled from those commonly prescribed on Form E.C.10. The cost includes professional fee etc. The actual cost of treatment will, of course, depend on the dosage used.

Preparation	Total N.H.S. Cost of 25 Tablets/Capsules			
	2/-	4/-	6/-	8/-
Aspirin Tablets, B.P. 5-gr.				2/7
Aspirin Soluble Tablets, B.P.				2/10
Codeine Compound Tablets, B.P.				3/1
Paracetamol Tablets, B.P.				3/1
Solprin Tablets				3/1
Codeine Compound Soluble Tablets, B.P.				3/5
Codis Tablets				3/10
Hypon Tablets				3/10
Veganin Tablets				3/10
Panadol Tablets				3/11
Myolgin Tablets				4/2
Paynocil Tablets				4/5
Panasorb Tablets				4/8
Codeine Phosphate Tablets, B.P.				5/1
Distalgesic Tablets				5/4
Palaprin Forte Tablets				6/1
Panadeine Compound Tablets				6/1
Norgesic Tablets				6/6
Zactirin Tablets				6/6
Ponstan Capsules				6/7
Zactipar Tablets				6/11
D.F.118 Tablets				7/-
Rinurel Tablets				7/5
Equagesic Tablets				8/-

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Dr. LEE. It is just a simple, graphic statement, and very helpful to the physician. It is just a reminder. That could be issued in addition to the periodic updating of the compendium, which would include the information on prices. This sort of thing could be issued monthly or more often than that, if necessary.

Senator NELSON. I don't quite understand the graph at the first glance at it. Can you explain it?