

Factsheet: Multi-charge Items

In this factsheet PSNC’s Dispensing and Supply team identifies which type of items incur more than one prescription charge and lists some of the commonly encountered multiple charge items. This factsheet also provides information on charges for compression hosiery and lymphoedema garments.

Multiple Prescription Charges

Multiple prescription charges are payable where on the same prescription:

- Different drugs, types of dressings or appliances; including those ordered with extra parts are supplied;
- Different formulations or presentations of the same drug or preparation are prescribed and supplied;
- Additional parts are supplied together with a complete set of apparatus or additional dressing(s) together with a dressing pack;
- More than one piece of elastic hosiery is prescribed and supplied (there is one charge for each ankle, knee-cap, below-knee, above knee or thigh stocking supplied).

The table below contains examples of commonly dispensed products that attract multiple prescription charges (N.B. all forms are tablets unless stated otherwise).

Products that attract TWO prescription charges	Products that attract THREE prescription charges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actonel Combi • Ametop 4% gel dispensing pack • Canesten Combi 500mg pessary & 2% cream • Canesten Oral & Cream Duo • Clinorette • Coban 2 Lite multi-layer compression bandage kit • Day & Night Nurse caps • Elleste Duet 1mg or 2mg • Evorel Sequi patches • Femoston 1/10mg or 2/10mg • FemSeven Sequi patches • Migralve (combination pack) • Novofem • Pabrinex I/M High Potency inj 5ml + 2ml amps • Pabrinex I/V High Potency inj 5ml + 5ml amps • Paludrine/Avloclor travel pack • Pregnacare Plus tabs and caps • Sudafed Congestion & Headache Relief Day & Night caps • Sudafed Mucus Relief Day and Night caps • Tridestra • Trisequens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortisip Range Starter Pack liquid • Jobst Comprifore Lite multi-layer compression bandage kit • Jointace Max Triple Pack capsules and tablets • K-Four Reduced Compression multi-layer compression bandage kit • K-Four multi-layer compression bandage kit 25cm-30cm ankle circumference
	Products that attract FOUR prescription charges
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobst Comprifore multi-layer compression bandage kit • K-Four multi-layer compression bandage kit less than 18cm • Profore Lite multi-layer compression bandage kit • Promin low protein Snax • Ugo 4weeks kits
	Products that attract FIVE prescription charges
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-Four multi layer compression bandage kit 18cm-25cm ankle circumference • Profore multi layer compression bandage kit up to 18cm ankle circumference

Please note this is **not** an exhaustive list of all products that attract multiple prescription charges from patients that pay for their prescriptions.

Charges for compression hosiery

Multiple charges apply where more than one piece of elastic compression hosiery (anklet, legging, kneecap, below knee, above knee or thigh length stockings) are ordered. Prescription charges for elastic compression hosiery are calculated **per piece** of elastic hosiery. Two pairs of compression hosiery = four pieces and this would attract four prescription charges from patients who usually pay for their prescriptions. Note: Different rules for charges apply to lymphoedema garments (see below).

Charges for lymphoedema garments

Only one prescription charge is payable where one or more of the same lymphoedema base garment is supplied. For example, if a prescription orders multiple sizes (i.e. S, M, L, XL or I, II, III, IV, V), lengths (i.e. standard, petite, short or long – not below knee

or thigh length) or colours of the same base garment, it would only attract one prescription charge and one single activity fee regardless of the quantity ordered.

Multiple prescription charges and fees would only apply where completely different base garments (i.e. open toe and closed toe or thigh length and below knee) or the same lymphoedema garment of differing compression sizes (i.e. Class II and Class III) are ordered on the same prescription.

Some lymphoedema base garments can be ordered with ‘additional options’ or optional extras. Additional options are classed as no-charge items and therefore do not incur additional prescription charges, nor do they attract additional prescription fees; however, pharmacies are reimbursed for the cost of the additional options.

For information on the number of prescription charges that should be levied for a particular product or combination of products, please contact the PSNC Dispensing and Supply Team on **0203 1220 810** or email info@psnc.org.uk