

November 2016 APC Decisions

**Wishing all our readers a
very merry Christmas**



| Medicine | Classification | Indication | Other Information |
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| Degarelix (Firmagon® - Ferring Pharmaceuticals) NICE TA 404 | RED | Advanced hormone-dependent prostate cancer | Further review of proposed place in therapy, current treatment pathways and the rebate scheme to ensure the commissioner can achieve at least the same discounted drug cost as that available to the NHS in June 2016, as per NICE, is required |
| Safinamide (Xadago® – Zambon Pharmaceuticals) | AMBER 2 | Parkinson's Disease | For patients with motor fluctuations experiencing off-periods and dyskinesia. Existing MAO inhibitors must be stopped for a week prior to commencing therapy with safinamide. |

For a full explanation of the Traffic Light definitions, please refer to the [Joint Formulary website](#)

News from the APC

New to the APC website

- [Guideline for the Prevention, Investigation and Management of Vitamin D deficiency](#) (in children) (New)
- [Nottinghamshire Primary Care Alcohol Misuse Guidelines](#) (Update)
- [Nottinghamshire Gynaecomastia Guideline](#) (New)
- [Allergic Rhinitis treatment pathway](#) (New)
- [Nottinghamshire Actinic \(Solar\) Keratosis Primary Care Treatment Pathway](#) (Update)
- [Overactive Bladder Guideline](#) (Update)
- [Position statement on the prescribing of Nefopam](#) (New)
- [Framework for Managing Medicines across the Nottinghamshire Community](#) (interim update)
- [Vitamin D for adults Guideline](#) (Interim update)

Coming soon to the APC website

- [Asthma in adults](#) (Update)
- [COPD Guideline](#) (Update)
- [Heart Failure Traffic Light Treatment Guideline](#) (Update)

Horizon Scanning, Formulary amendments and traffic light changes

The following were classified as **GREY (no formal assessment)** as part of horizon scanning

- Duavive® —Bazedoxifene / conjugated oestrogen
- Airflusal Fospiro® 500 inhaler

Formulary amendments

- Enstilar® Foam—Calcipotriol 50mcg/g with Betamethasone 0.05% added as GREEN
- Buprenorphine patches, cost effective brands stated as Butec® 7 day patch and Bupeaze® 96 hour patch
- Foodlink® Complete sachets added as GREEN as a cost effective option
- Combivent® nebulas declassified to GREY as components are more cost effective prescribed separately

Current work in development

- Ullipristal for uterine fibroids—New submission
- Type 2 Diabetes guidelines
- Emollient Formulary review
- Methotrexate shared care for gastroenterology
- Sip feed guideline review

Upcoming NICE guidance

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| Chest pain of recent onset | Guideline | September 2016 - delayed |
| Cardiovascular events (reducing, high risk) - ticagrelor | TAG | December 2016 |
| Familial hypercholesterolaemia | Guideline | January 2017 |
| Apremilast for treating active psoriatic arthritis | TAG | February 2017 |

Remember....

There is now an online [Prescribing Queries portal](#) for prescribers to contact Sherwood Forest Hospitals Pharmacy department directly with any queries about a patients medication on discharge or following an OP clinic appointment

Can you help?

We are currently looking for additional **GP members** to represent the County CCGs. Are you someone with an interest in all things prescribing who is able to commit to attend and contribute at the APC meetings? We meet every 2 months on a Thursday afternoon (2-5pm) at Duncan Macmillan House. Please contact us if you would like to get involved.

The work of the NAPC is supported and managed by the interface team below. They can be contacted via nottsapc@nottspct.nhs.uk if you would like to make a submission or have any queries.

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