

March 2019 APC Decisions

Medicine	Status	Indication	Other Information
Clonidine	Deferred	Spasticity in children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to the Trust Drugs and Therapeutics Committee to consider a RED classification
Glycopyrronium bromide (oral)	Amber 2	Hypersalivation in Parkinson's Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE there are two strengths of glycopyrronium on the formulary; 1mg/5ml and 2mg/5ml. Care should be taken to select the correct product when prescribing and dispensing
Inhixa® (enoxaparin biosimilar)	Amber 2	Antiplatelet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribe by brand Slightly different device to Clexane Prescribers should ensure patients are counselled on the device issued
Thealoz Duo®	GREY	Ophthalmology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of evidence of cost effectiveness
Semaglutide (Ozempic®)	Amber 2	Diabetes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once weekly in addition to other medicinal products for the treatment of diabetes. A pre-filled pen with four doses and needles so no additional prescribing of needles is required

News from the APC

- [Palliative Care Pocketbook \(Update\)](#)
- [Allergic Rhinitis Pathway \(Update\)](#)
- [Antimicrobial Guidelines \(Update\)](#)
- [HRT formulary choices \(New\)](#)
- [JFG terms of reference \(Update\)](#)
- [Self-care patient information leaflets \(New\)](#)

The Antimicrobial guidelines [have moved](#) and been [updated](#). The following link can be saved on your device for quick access -

<https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/guidelines-formularies/antimicrobial-guidelines/>

Printed copies become out of date quickly and may lead to incorrect prescribing

Freestyle Libre Update

From 1st April 2019 there will be centralised funding available for a proportion of the Freestyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring sensors which are prescribed in primary care.

NHS England have issued guidance on eligibility criteria and we are working through this with our local specialists to update our own criteria

Please note;

- Initiation will remain restricted to consultant endocrinologist only
- 6 month review and continuation criteria will remain in place
- Patients will still be expected to complete a structured education programme and will be expected to maintain appropriate frequency of testing.
- [The DVLA](#) now recognise monitoring in this way as appropriate for drivers



Horizon Scanning, Formulary amendments and traffic light changes

Horizon scanning - Grey classification assigned until formal submission is requested

- ⇒ Eslicarbazepine 50mg/ml susp - **AMBER 2** for patients unable to swallow tablets
- ⇒ Staplex (salmeterol/fluticasone 50/500 DPI) - **GREY**
- ⇒ Symkevi (Tezacaftor/ivacaftor 100mg/150mg tablets) - **GREY**
- ⇒ Oxypro (Oxycodone MR tablets) - delayed until further risk assessment complete

Formulary amendments and traffic light changes

- ◇ Gamolenic acid and evening primrose oil - **GREY** in line with self care agenda
- ◇ Formoterol 12mcg MDI (Atimos) - **AMBER 3** in line with guidelines
- ◇ Fixapost (latanoprost and timolol preservative free eye drops) - **AMBER 2** in place of Taptiqom which is now **GREY**
- ◇ Ketotifen PF eye drops - **GREEN**
- ◇ Kerraped offloading boot - **GREEN**
- ◇ Calfovite D3 sachet - **GREEN**
- ◇ Lubiprostone - **GREY** as product now withdrawn

Current work in development

- ⇒ APC framework for managing medicines (Update)
- ⇒ Osteoporosis guideline and bisphosphonate prescribing information
- ⇒ Naltrexone prescribing information sheet
- ⇒ Male LUTS guideline (Update)
- ⇒ Dementia short guide
- ⇒ Chronic constipation pathway
- ⇒ Anticoagulation in AF and DOAC information sheet (Update)
- ⇒ End of Life Guidelines (Update)

Upcoming NICE guidance

TITLE	GUIDELINE/TA	EXPECTED DATE
Crohn's disease management	Guideline	May 2019
Stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s: diagnosis and initial management	Guideline	May 2019
Ulcerative Colitis	Guideline	May 2019
Hypertension in pregnancy	Guideline	June 2019
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in over 16s: diagnosis and management	Guideline	July 2019

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