

## COVID – 19

We have added a dedicated section to the [APC website](#) for use during the COVID crisis. You will find medicines FAQs which are updated regularly by the CCG medicines optimisation teams. Also a range of additional medicines related resources and links.

### New drug submissions— March 2020 APC Decisions

Medicine	Traffic light status	Indication	Other Information
<b>Betesil® 2.250 mg medicated plaster (Betametasone)</b>	<b>AMBER 2</b>	For patients with inflammatory skin disorders which do not respond to treatment with less potent corticosteroids	Plasters may be cut to size
<b>Dacepton (Apomorphine) injection for sc pump</b>	<b>AMBER 1</b>	For patients with refractory motor fluctuations in Parkinson's disease ('off' episodes) inadequately controlled by levodopa with dopa-decarboxylase inhibitor or other dopaminergics	Prescribe by brand
<b>Chloral Betaine 707mg tablets</b>	<b>AMBER 2</b>	For paediatric use for the treatment of insomnia, as a substitute for chloral hydrate liquid	where liquid is unsuitable due to ketogenic diet.

### News from the APC - updated/new documents on the APC website:

- [Gynaecomastia guidelines](#) (Update)
- [Opioid deprescribing guide](#) (NEW)
- [Liothyronine position statement](#) (Update)
- [Nausea](#) and Vomiting in pregnancy (Interim Update)
- Antimicrobial guidelines (updated following publication of NICE guidance)
  - [Diverticulitis](#)
  - [Impetigo](#) - note hydrogen peroxide 1st line for localised non-bullous impetigo
- [Continence formulary](#) (Update)
- [End of Life guideline](#) (Update) - see also [COVID End of Life guideline](#) (NEW)

## Horizon Scanning, Formulary amendments and traffic light changes

### Horizon scanning - GREY classification assigned until formal submission:

- Spravato 28 mg nasal spray, solution®. Esketamine Hydrochloride
- Sunosi 75 mg film-coated tablets®, Solriamfetol Hydrochloride

### Formulary amendments and traffic light changes:

- Gestone® - amended to **GREY** as no longer available
- Antibiotics: Clindamycin, Co-trimoxazole, Vancomycin caps and tinidazole updated to **AMBER 3** in line with guidelines
- Domperidone for children under 12 years- reclassification from GREEN to **AMBER 2** for gut motility
- Melatonin, Colonis brand and Pharma Nord UK preparation—clarified as **GREY**
- Sucralfate oral suspension (sugar free) 1g/ 5mL—licensed preparation now available, classified as **AMBER 2**

### Current work in development

- COPD Guideline
- Asthma in adults guideline
- Type 2 diabetes guideline (Update)
- Verkazia eye drops - submission and information sheet
- Heart failure traffic light
- Chronic constipation pathway
- ADHD for adults, shared care
- Cinacalcet traffic light review and information sheet

### Upcoming NICE publications

Title	Type	Anticipated publication date
Insect bites and stings antimicrobial prescribing	Guidance	December 2019 – delayed June 2020
Human and Animal bites: antimicrobial prescribing	Guidance	June 2020
Naldemedine for opioid induced constipation	TA	June 2020
Acute Coronary Syndrome	Guidance	July 2020

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