

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.

Due to the cancellation of the April Joint Formulary Group there were no NEW submissions to review this month.

Hydroxychloroquine	AMBER 1	Dermatology	Added to the dermatology shared care protocol. No additional primary care monitoring required.
Cinacalcet	AMBER 2	PHPT	For people with primary hyperparathyroidism (PHPT) if surgery has been unsuccessful, is unsuitable or has been declined
Verkazia® eye drops (ciclosporin 0.1%)	AMBER 2	Ophthalmology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vernal Keratoconjunctivitis (VKC) in children from 4 years and adolescents Allergic Keratoconjunctivitis (AKC)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): new dedicated Yellow Card reporting site for medicines and medical devices](#)

Reporting to the new site will enable the MHRA to rapidly identify new and emerging side effects and medical device incidents in COVID-19 treatment, including side effects for medicines taken by patients to manage long-term or pre-existing conditions.

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

- [Statement regarding prescribing of Gonadorelin analogues](#) (Update)
- [Dermatology SCP to include hydroxychloroquine](#) (New)
- Antimicrobial guideline –
 - [Bronchiectasis](#) (update)
- [Cinacalcet information sheet for PHPT](#) (New)
- [Verkazia information sheet](#) (New)
- [Gluten free position statement](#) (Update)

Coming Soon (within the next two weeks)

- Nausea and vomiting in pregnancy (Update)
- Antimicrobial guideline –
 - Diabetic foot (Update)

Horizon Scanning, Formulary amendments and traffic light changes

Formulary amendments and traffic light changes:

- ◆ Atomoxetine liquid 4mg/ml - added as **AMBER 1** for children who cannot swallow tablets
- ◆ Desmopressin - Indication updated to include Polyuria or polydipsia after hypophysectomy as **AMBER 2**
- ◆ Omeprazole 4mg/ml powder for suspension - **AMBER 2** for children <10 kg receiving PPI via enteral tube (Losec Mups should be used for children taking omeprazole orally)
- ◆ Esomeprazole sachets - **AMBER 2** for children >10kg receiving PPI via enteral tube
- ◆ Medroxyprogesterone - clarified as **GREEN** for dysfunctional (anovulatory) uterine bleeding, secondary amenorrhoea and for mild to moderate endometriosis.
- ◆ Norethisterone - clarified as **GREEN** for gynaecology indications
- ◆ Bimatoprost with Timolol Maleate (Ganfort® Preservative free eye drops) - **AMBER 2** as a preservative free option
- ◆ Insulin needles - 8mm, 10mm and 12mm needles removed from formulary (leaving 4mm, 5mm and 6mm) as considered less suitable
- ◆ Metformin - clarified as **AMBER 2** for PCOS
- ◆ Altrajuce - Added to formulary alongside other juice products as a cost effective option.
- ◆ VitA-POS eye lubricant- name has changed to Hylo-Night

Current work in development

- COPD Guideline
- Asthma in adults guideline
- Type 2 diabetes guideline (Update)
- ADHD for adults, shared care
- Heart failure guideline (update)
- Dementia medication information sheets (update)

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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