



New Submissions September 2020

Ondansetron	To remain RED as before	Diarrhoea predominant Irritable Bowel Syndrome	Off-label indication for when condition is resistant to conventional therapy
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News from the APC - updated/new documents on the APC website:

- [Oral Nutritional Supplements in Adults guideline](#) and [quick reference guide](#) (Update)
- [Alternatives to using an Unlicensed "Special" database](#) (Update)
- [Antidepressants in Primary Care](#) (Update)
- [Testosterone Prescribing Information sheet](#) (Update)
- [Opioids for Persistent Non-Cancer Pain guideline](#) (Update)
- Antimicrobial Guideline – [Vaginal Candidiasis guideline](#) (Update)
- [Enoxaparin Prescribing Information Sheet](#) (Update)
- [Childrens BP Monitoring Guideline](#) (New)
- [Smoking Cessation Position Statement](#) (New)

To be uploaded within the next week:

- Autoimmune hepatitis Shared Care Protocol and information sheet (Update)

Priadel discontinuation

Essential Pharma Ltd have announced that they will discontinue their lithium brand -Priadel® 200mg and 400mg MR tablets with supplies expected to be exhausted by April 2021. Advice on [Switching Patients from Priadel® MR Tablets to an Alternative Brand of Lithium Carbonate](#) has been developed and is available on the APC website.

To ensure timely switching and managed workload it would be advised to begin identifying patients as soon as possible.

STOMP

STOMP stands for **S**topping **O**ver **M**edication of **P**eople with a learning disability, autism or both with psychotropic medicines. It is a national project involving many different organisations which are helping to stop the over use of these medicines.

A range of resources to support this work is available on the APC website in the [deprescribing/STOMP area](#)

Horizon Scanning, Formulary amendments and traffic light changes

Formulary amendments:

- ◇ Slow K ® - **RED** to allow continuation for specific patients only
- ◇ Silver Dressings - Aquacel Ag+ Extra Sheet, Aquacel Ag+ Ribbon, Atrauman Ag - Reclassified to **Amber 2** (on Tissue Viability recommendation)
- ◇ Lithium Carbonate tablets- Camcolit® MR 400mg Essential Pharma 250mg - Other silver dressings amended to **GREY**
- **Amber 2** in preparation for Priadel discontinuation.
- ◇ Alfentanil 5mg/ml (High strength) - Reclassified to **RED** following safety concerns
- ◇ Aripiprazole 1mg/1mL oral solution - Added as **Amber 2**, restricted to doses <10mg
- ◇ Sumatriptan 3 mg/0.5 ml solution for injection in pre-filled pen. Strength restriction removed to allow lower strength use if required.
- ◇ Diflucortolone - **GREY**, discontinued
- ◇ Aymes Actagain 2.4 Complete - **Amber 2**, Dietitian advice only
- ◇ AYMES ActaSolve Smoothie - **Amber 3**, as per ONS guidance

Horizon scanning:

- * Staquis® ointment (Crisaborole) - **GREY**, No formal assessment
- * Buscomint® (Peppermint oil) - **GREY**, less cost effective than Mintec and available as GSL

Current work in development

- Aminosaliculates in Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Adults
- Bowen's Disease Primary Care Treatment Pathway
- Omeprazole liquid review process
- Lamotrigine in BPAD
- Limited clinical value medicines
- COPD Guideline
- Asthma in adults guideline
- Sleep and melatonin guidance
- Hyperlipidaemia guidelines
- Primary Care Responsibilities in Prescribing and Monitoring Hormone Therapy for Patients under the Specialist Gender Identity Service for Adults
- Narcolepsy Shared Care Protocol

Upcoming NICE publications

Title	Type	Publication date
Insect bites and stings antimicrobial prescribing	Guidance	December 2019 – delayed TBC
Naldemedine for opioid induced constipation	TA	September 2020
Low back pain and sciatica in over 16s: targeted review of pharmacological interventions	Guidance	September 2020
Human and Animal bites: antimicrobial prescribing	Guidance	November 2020
Acute Coronary Syndrome	Guidance	November 2020
Liraglutide for managing overweight and obesity	TA	November 2020
Diabetes in pregnancy: management from preconception to the postnatal period	Guidance	December 2020
Diabetes (type 1 and type 2) in children and young people: diagnosis and management	Guidance	December 2020
Chronic pain: assessment and management	Guidance	Jan 2021
AF management	Guidance	Feb 2021
Dapagliflozin for treating heart failure with reduced ejection fraction	TA	Feb 2021
Esketamine for treatment-resistant depression	TA	TBC