

## Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee

# **January 2023 Bulletin**



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#### **New submissions:**

Tacrolimus ointment (generic) for facial vitiligo	AMBER 2	<ul> <li>As per Prescribing Information Sheet.</li> <li>Unlicensed for vitiligo. However, the off-label use of tacrolimus ointment is recommended as a 1st line topical treatment for facial vitiligo by the <u>primary care dermatology society</u> and supported by the <u>British Association of Dermatologists</u> in their guideline for the management of people with facial vitiligo as an alternative to potent or very potent topical corticosteroids.</li> </ul>
Ciprofloxacin 0.3%/ Dexamethasone 0.1% ear drops (generic) for ear Infections	AMBER 2	<ul> <li>For acute otitis externa (AOE) and acute otitis media in patients with tympanostomy tubes (AOMT).</li> <li>Licensed in adults and children with AOMT from 6 months old and children with AOE from 1 year old.</li> </ul>
Efmody® (hydrocortisone MR, Diurnal Limited ) for congenital adrenal hyperplasia	AMBER 2	<ul> <li>For adolescents from 12 years old and adults with CAH.</li> <li>Only be used in exceptional cases. All monitoring will be provided by secondary care.</li> </ul>
Admelog® (insulin lispro biosimilar- Sanofi)	AMBER 2	<ul> <li>Admelog offers cost savings compared to the originator product Humalog®.</li> <li>The Admelog® pre-filled pen device is the Solostar pen, which is the same pen device as Lantus® and Trurapi.</li> <li>When patients are already using an insulin for which a lower-cost biosimilar is available, the possibility of switching to the biosimilar can be considered as a shared decision with the patient.</li> </ul>

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

- Anticoagulants in AF Guideline
- Type II Diabetes Guideline (see overleaf)
- Sick Day Rule Guideline and Patient Leaflet
- Vortioxetine Prescribing Information Sheet
- Overactive Bladder Guidelines
- Blood Glucose Test Strip Formulary
- Topical Tacrolimus for Facial Vitiligo Information Sheet
- Urticaria Primary Care Pathway
- Falls- Medicines Which Increase The Risk
- Enoxaparin Information Sheet
- Inclisiran Prescribing Information Sheet
- Lithium Prescribing Information Sheet

## (minor interim update)

DOAC Position Statement

## **Antimicrobial Guidelines**

- Scabies
- Boils
- Cutaneous Candidiasis
- Gonorrhoeae
- Vaginal discharge in children
- Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

#### To be finalised within the next two weeks

- ⇒ Testosterone Shared Care Protocol
- ⇒ Frequency of Blood Glucose Testing Guideline

### APC webinars A pre-recorded APC update is available to view on our YouTube channel

#### **Our brand new Podcast**

Prescribing and Interface Learning Sessions (PILS). This is a podcast brought to you by Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, created to deliver the latest APC updates in a quick and easy to listen format. We hope you will find it useful. Please give us your feedback by commenting below each podcast or emailing the <a href="Interface Team">Interface Team</a>.

APC Podcast

## Horizon scanning, formulary amendments and traffic light changes

#### Added as GREY:

iQoro® device - PrecQIPP summary recommends against its use (password required).

Riboflavin - a food supplement, OTC purchase required for migraine use. NB riboflavin is also classified RED for the treatment of metabolic diseases.

#### Added as RED:

Chloral Betaine - Chloral betaine has been discontinued and is only available as a special (which is not listed in the specials tariff).

Guanfacine –agreed at NHCT; for use on the advice of the Neurodevelopmental Specialist Service.

#### Added as GREEN:

Suprasorb® P Sensitive - for use at SFH in line with Regional Wound Care Formulary.

Pro D3® 2000 units/ ml drops may be supplied as an alternative to Fultium D3® drops during supply problems.

Metformin 500mg powder sachets – more cost effective than oral solution.

Luforbec®. Cost effective alternatives to Fostair 100/6 and 200/6 pMDIs

#### Other

Bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto-Bismol® tablets) - Supply issues until June 2023 Rivaroxaban suspension (Xarelto®) - Formulary entry clarified to avoid patients being given insufficient supply.

#### Feature of the month

#### The Nottinghamshire guideline for Type 2 Diabetes in Adults has been updated!

Find it here. Main changes include:

- SGLT2 inhibitors are recommended much earlier in the treatment pathway for those with type 2 diabetes and established Cardiovascular disease, Heart Failure or CKD. This is in line with recommendations in NICE NG28 for those that should be "offered" a SGLT2 inhibitor.
- Refresh of the Lifestyle section- bringing together various links and guidance that maybe useful to consider.
- Update of medication tables
   – more focus on the points to consider when choosing medications for individual patients eg contraindications, side effects, counselling points. With links to patient Information leaflets and external resources.
- Insulin section enhanced to highlight commonly used insulins and differences between them.
- Recommendations to use biosimilar insulins where available.
- Information added about PenCycle, a insulin and GLP-1 pre-filled pen recycling initiative.
- Blood Glucose Monitoring section expanded with reference to other relevant guidance eg, FreeStyle Libre2.