

September 2018 APC Decisions

Medicine	Status	Indication	Other Information
Sialanar® (glycopyrronium bromide 2mg/5ml liquid)	AMBER 2	Hypersalivation in paediatrics	Secondary care will be switching patients from other liquid preparations at their next routine appointment. Tablets may be switched to Sialanar as a cost saving which will be managed by medicines management teams
Prasugrel	RED	Post interventional neuroradiology procedures	For the prevention and treatment of device related thrombus formation during and after procedures for unruptured brain aneurysms in patients with clopidogrel resistance- Unlicensed indication Treatment is likely to be 3 - 6 months
Mycophenolate	RED	Neuromuscular diseases and inflammatory neuropathies	In line with the current classification for other conditions, the lack of primary care experience with this medicine and its unlicensed status for the conditions requested.
Azathioprine	AMBER 1 Shared Care	Neuromuscular diseases and inflammatory neuropathies	Neuromuscular diseases (such as Myasthenia Gravis), Lambert-Eaton Syndrome), inflammatory neuropathies (chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy), inflammatory CNS conditions (such as Neuromyelitis optica), and autoimmune encephalitides (including antibody associated and paraneoplastic) - outside of licence (supported by national guidance)

News from the APC

Ratified at the meeting:

(Please note the final documents will be uploaded and available on the APC website within the next 2 weeks to allow for final editing)

- **Antimicrobial Guidelines (Update)**
- **Dry Skin Patient Information Leaflet (New)**
- **Lactose Intolerance Guideline and Patient Leaflet (Update)**
- **Aminosalicylates Prescribing and Monitoring Information Sheet - AMBER 2(New)**
- **Nausea and Vomiting in Pregnancy Guideline (Update)**
- **Azathioprine Shared Care Protocol for Neuromuscular Diseases and Inflammatory Neuropathies (New)**

Clarithromycin Risk and the Antimicrobial Guideline update

A recent FDA alert around potential increased risk of deaths in patients with heart disease with clarithromycin (study done with clarithromycin but may be a class effect) has been published .[Clarithromycin \(Biaxin\): Drug Safety Communication - Potential Increased Risk of Heart Problems or Death in Patients With Heart Disease](#)

Following this some sections of the guideline are being reviewed to remove the macrolide (or add a caution message) and add doxycycline as an option (adults)

The sections affected are: otitis externa, dental abscess, acute exacerbation of COPD, CAP, lower UTI, impetigo, cellulitis, leg ulcers, boils, wound infection, MRSA.

EpiPen Supply issue and extended expiry advice [UPDATE](#)

EpiPen and EpiPen Junior will be subject to limited availability for the remainder of 2018. Mylan are now out of stock of EpiPen Junior and interruptions in the supply are anticipated to continue for the coming months.

Certain batches of adult EpiPen can be safely used for four months after the expiry date has passed - please see further information about these batches in the [CAS alert](#).

Adrenaline auto injectors will not actively cause harm if used after expiry but they may be less effective at treating the anaphylactic episode as the potency of the adrenaline gradually reduces (and is also dependent on the conditions they were stored in). It is still preferable to use a device even if it has expired, rather than no device at all, if an in-date device is not available.

Current work in development

- **ADHD shared care protocol update for children and new guidance for adults**
- **Omeprazole liquid flow chart**
- **Spacer device formulary**
- **Constipation flow chart and pathways**
- **Vit B12 Guidelines**
- **Cows milk allergy guideline review**
- **Vitamin D guidelines review**

Upcoming NICE guidance

TITLE	GUIDELINE/TA	EXPECTED DATE
Pyelonephritis (acute) : antimicrobial prescribing	Guideline	October 2018
Prostatitis (acute): antimicrobial prescribing	Guideline	October 2018
Urinary tract infections (lower) : antimicrobial prescribing	Guideline	October 2018
Recurrent urinary tract infections: antimicrobial prescribing	Guideline	October 2018
Acute exacerbation of bronchiectasis (non-cystic fibrosis): antimicrobial prescribing	Guideline	November 2018
Catheter associated urinary tract infections: antimicrobial prescribing	Guideline	November 2018
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (acute exacerbation): antimicrobial prescribing	Guideline	December 2018
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in over 16s: diagnosis and management (update)	Guideline	December 2018

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