

COVID – 19

We have added a dedicated section to the [APC website](#) for use during the COVID pandemic. 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 as well as information about the vaccinations.

New submissions

Semaglutide (Rybelsus® 3mg, 7mg and 14mg tablets, Novo Nordisk Ltd)	AMBER 2	Diabetes	For patients who are unsuitable for the SC injection e.g. difficulty in injection, needle phobia, recurrent local complications due to injections. AND Only for use in patients that are able to independently follow the oral administration guidance
Liraglutide (Saxenda®, Novo Nordisk Ltd)	RED	Weight loss	Patients should be referred to tier 3 weight management services in Derby

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

- Vitamin D Guidelines for [Adults](#) and [Children](#) (update)
- Antimicrobial guideline – [COPD acute exacerbation](#) (Update)
- [COPD Exacerbation Rescue Medication Pack](#) (Update)

Coming Soon

- Nottinghamshire Adult Asthma Treatment Summary (Update)
- Management of sleep problems in children and melatonin guidance (New)
- Adult ADHD Shared Care Protocol and information sheets (New) - To be uploaded in April in line with the developing adult ADHD service provision

Aminophylline

Discontinued. 225mg stocks expected to be exhausted by 30th March 2021 & 350mg by 5th April 2021. No new patients to be started. See [here](#) for further details and switching guidance.

Horizon Scanning, Formulary amendments and traffic light changes

Formulary amendments:

- ◇ Freestyle Libre 2 - formulary updated to include the updated device
- ◇ COVID vaccines - Added as **GREEN**
- ◇ Tinidazole - Discontinued so amended to **GREY**
- ◇ Diffiam Spray - Brand name removed to encourage generic prescribing
- ◇ Theophylline - Updated from Green to **AMBER 2** in line with updated guidance
- ◇ Zinc Sulphate - Status confirmed as **AMBER 2**
- ◇ Risperidone 0.25mg - **AMBER 2** for a small cohort who are unable to half the 0.5mg tablets or use liquid
- ◇ Modafanil - Status confirmed as **RED** for children

Horizon scanning:

- ⇒ Enerzair Breezhaler®. New medication - **GREY** no formal assessment
- ⇒ Aectura Breezhaler®. New medication - **GREY** no formal assessment
- ⇒ Symbicort®(100micrograms/3micrograms) MDI. Now licensed for asthma, remove the reference to COPD only
- ⇒ Buprenorphine transdermal patches, new brand Rebrikel®, 5mcg, 10mcg and 20mcg. **GREY** pending further feedback from Medicines Optimisation teams
- ⇒ Otigo® 40 mg/10 mg/g ear drops. New medication - **GREY** no formal assessment
- ⇒ Zeposia® capsules. New medication - **GREY** no formal assessment
- ⇒ Fycompa®. License change - Remove reference to age range from formulary entry
- ⇒ Dyzantil®. New medication - **GREY** no formal assessment

Current work in development

- COPD Guideline (Update)
- Type 2 diabetes guideline (Update)
- Gabapentin and pregabalin misuse potential statement (Update)
- Neuropathic pain guideline (Update)
- Antimicrobial guideline – human and animal bites (Update)
- Renal function calculation statement (New)
- Amiodarone shared care protocol (New)
- Antipsychotic medication information sheets (Update)
- DOACs in DVT/PE guideline (Update)
- Fludrocortisone prescribing information sheet (New)

Upcoming NICE publications

Title	Type	Anticipated publication date
AF management	Guidance	March 2021
Secondary infection of common skin conditions including eczema: antimicrobial prescribing	Guidance	March 2021
Myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy)/ chronic fatigue syndrome: diagnosis and management	Guidance	April 2021
Chronic pain: assessment and management	Guidance	April 2021
Acne Vulgaris: management	Guideline	June 2021
Esketamine for treatment-resistant depression	TA	TBC
Bempedoic acid for treating primary hypercholesterolaemia or mixed dyslipidaemia	TA	TBC

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