

New submissions:

Icosapent Ethyl (Vazkepa®, Amarin Pharmaceuticals Ltd)	AMBER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For use in line with NICE TA 805. Secondary prevention in patients with raised triglycerides and controlled LDL cholesterol.
Rufinamide (Inovelon®, Eisai Ltd)	AMBER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the management of tonic or atonic seizures in line with NICE NG217. Use in patients without confirmed Lennox Gastaut Syndrome is an unlicensed indication. There is a need for females of childbearing potential to use adequate contraception.
Ryaltris® (mometasone/ olopatadine, Glenmark Pharm Eu Ltd) for allergic rhinitis	AMBER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the treatment of moderate to severe nasal symptoms associated with allergic rhinitis. An additional nasal fixed-dose combination of an antihistamine and corticosteroid option under step 4 of the Allergic Rhinoconjunctivitis APC guideline.
Fibrates (fenofibrate and bezafibrate MR) for primary biliary cholangitis	AMBER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist initiation as second-line alternative therapy for primary biliary cholangitis (PBC). Fibrates will be offered as a treatment option following specialist (PBC) and MDT discussion for patients intolerant or unresponsive to obeticholic acid. The treatment will be long-term, and there was no preference between the fibrates.
Aptamil Pepti Syneo (Nutricia)	AMBER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A second line Extensively Hydrolysed Formula option in Cows Milk Protein allergy alongside SMA Althera and Aptamil Pepti. To be considered if Nutramigen with LGG is unsuitable.
Testosterone gel for low libido in postmenopausal women	AMBER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For use on specialist Menopause clinic or gynaecologist recommendation for women who have been on an optimised dose of conventional HRT for at least 6 months. See Prescribing information sheet for details of preparations and monitoring requirements.

News from the APC - updated/new documents:

- [Testosterone for low libido in postmenopausal women - Prescribing Information Sheet](#) (New)
- [Antidepressants in Primary Care](#) (Update)
- [Overarching pain guideline](#)(New)
- [Stoma Ancillaries Formulary](#) (Update)
- [Steroid Emergency Card](#) – patient information and letter (New)
- [Transgender collaborative care protocol](#) and [prescribing information sheets](#) (New)
- [Transgender Prescribing Position Statement](#) (Update)
- [Midodrine Prescribing Information Sheet](#) (Update)
- ADHD in adults [Shared Care Protocol](#) (Update)
- [Desmopressin Prescribing Information Sheet](#) (Update)
- [Valproate Shared Care Protocol for Patients of Childbearing Potential](#) (New)
- [Amiodarone Shared Care Protocol](#)(Update)
- [Vitamin B12 guideline](#) (Interim update)
- [Freestyle Libre Eligibility Criteria](#) (Update)
- [Penicillin Allergy Awareness Leaflet](#) (Update)

News from the APC continued - updated/new documents:

- Antimicrobial Guidelines (Update)
 - ◆ [Acute Diverticulitis](#)
 - ◆ [Amoebiasis](#)
 - ◆ [Cryptosporidiosis](#)
 - ◆ [Giardiasis](#)
 - ◆ [Infectious Diarrhoea](#)
 - ◆ [Threadworms](#)
- Respiratory self-management plans (Update) [Asthma](#), [COPD](#), [Bronchiectasis](#)
- [Greener NHS - Inhaler Prescribing Resources](#) (New)
- [Shared care patient information leaflets](#) (new)
- [Continence formulary](#) (Update to sheaths section and reformatted)

Horizon scanning, formulary amendments and traffic light changes

Horizon scanning

GREY no formal assessment:

- ◆ Risperidone 75 mg powder and solvent for prolonged-release suspension for injection (Okedi[®]).
- ◆ Dexamfetamine sulfate ▼ 1 mg/ml Oral Solution.
- ◆ Netilmicin and dexamethasone, 3mg/1mg in 1mL eye drops in a single-dose container.
- ◆ (Netildex[®]).
- ◆ Dexamethasone and levofloxacin 1mg/5mg in 1mL eye drops (Ducressa[®]).
- ◆ Pyridostigmine 12mg/mL oral solution.
- ◆ Levodopa, carbidopa, entacapone (Lecigon[®]) 940mg/235mg/940mg in 47mL Gel.
- ◆ Dexcom ONE and GlucoRx AiDEX.
- ◆ Beclometasone dipropionate 172mcg, formoterol fumarate dihydrate 5mcg, glycopyrronium 9mcg bromide. (Trimbow[®]) pMDI

Added as GREY:

- ◇ Tiotropium (Acopair[®])
- ◇ Metolazone (Xaqua[®])

Added as AMBER 2:

- ◇ [Female stress incontinence products](#) Efemia[®], Contiform[®], Diveen[®]
- ◇ Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets (Ationdo[®])

Added as AMBER 3:

- ◇ Rivaroxaban 20mg/15mg Film-coated Tablets Treatment Initiation Pack (Xarelto[®])

Formulary Amendments

- Bupropion - from **RED** to **AMBER 2** for the treatment of resistant/refractory depression
- Sodium Valproate and Valproate Semisodium—from AMBER 2 to **AMBER 1** for patients of childbearing potential only. Remains as AMBER 2 for all other patients.
- Freetstyle Libre 2 for Type 2 diabetes has changed from **AMBER 2** to **AMBER 3** with appropriate training, as per updated criteria

Other:

- Rivaroxaban 1mg/ml granules for oral suspension (Xarelto[®]) – updated to include formulations for different weights of children.
- Riboflavin oral – added clarity to the indication, paediatric metabolic disorders only.
- Naseptin cream – formulary updated due to the formulation no longer containing Arachis oil (peanut oil).
- Oxybutynin 2.5mg/5mL and 5mg/5mL oral solution – added further information that some brands contain sorbitol.
- Hypromellose eye drops 0.3% - PRESCRIBE BY BRAND. Now in appliances section of the drug tariff. All generic prescriptions for hypromellose eye drops 0.3% are now non-EPS compliant and cannot be sent electronically. AaproMel[®] or Teardew[®] are the recommended brands added to the formulary.
- Oxycodone 1mg/mL and 10mg/mL oral solution (Shortec[®] liquid 1mg/mL and 10mg/mL) - Shortec[®] brand of oral solution will be discontinued at end of September (non-proprietary still available). Prescribe generically.
- Morphine sulfate 10mg/5ml oral solution – generic version more cost-effective than Oramorph[®]. Formulary updated to reflect this.

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