Therapeutics Advisory Group



Interface and Formulary Update - Issue 37 July 2025

Key messages from July 2025 TAG meeting - (ratified by Medicines Optimisation Programme Board)

Commissioning Review – Guideline for the management of Vitamin B12 (Cobalamin) deficiency in over 16s and patient information leaflet Vitamin B12 Deficiency

- Guidance document and patient information leaflet published here
- Project for future Prescribing Quality Scheme
- Vitamins and minerals commissioned to treat a diagnosed deficiency
- Once the deficiency has been corrected, patients are expected to purchase OTC products

Commissioning Review - Antipsychotics - confirmation of traffic light classifications

- Antipsychotics with existing ADVICE classification will be amended to AMBER INITIATE
- Specialist will initiate medication and provide the first month (three months in certain cases) before transferring prescribing to primary care
- New classification clarifies the wording previously used and removes ambiguity for prescribers

Guidance Review - Pericyazine deprescribing guidance, letter and audit template

- Key message Only for deprescribing of periciazine that has been initiated by a clinician in primary
 care. Do not stop or switch pericyazine prescriptions for schizophrenia or psychotic disorders. Refer
 these patients to NSFT for review
- Documents <u>published here</u>

Guidance Review - Sublingual Immunotherapy (SLIT) - Acarizax to reduce allergy symptoms caused by a specific allergen

• Prescribing Guidance document <u>published here</u>

Guidance Review - Prescribing Guidance - Trurapi

- Trurapi® (biosimilar insulin aspart) is the preferred first-line choice when prescribing insulin aspart
- All new patients requiring insulin aspart should be initiated on Trurapi® if appropriate.
- Switches from NovoRapid® to Trurapi® should be undertaken in primary and secondary care
- Guidance document <u>published here</u>

Guidance Review - Structured Medication Review Toolkit

- Bringing all resources into one document
- To support Prescribing Quality Scheme
- Toolkit published here

Formulary Review - Luja™ with Micro-hole Zone Technology (MHZT) device urinary retention and/or post void residual volume due to bladder dysfunction from any aetiology

· BLACK - not commissioned. Not for prescribing in primary or secondary care

Shared Care Updates

Use of Donepezil, Galantamine, Rivastigmine and Memantine in the treatment of Dementia

Move to Amber Advice with Prescribing Guidance document – published here

Cenobamate for focal onset seizures in epilepsy as per TA753

Move from SCA Level 0 to Amber Initiate with Prescribing Guidance document – published here

Sacubitril Valsartan for treating symptomatic chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction

• Currently under review. Updates to follow. Existing SCA published here

Formulary and Guidance Updates

Guidance Updates

- Prescribing Guidance Relugolix Estradiol Norethisterone (Ryeqo® ▼) for uterine fibroids
- Respiratory documents
 - Best Value Inhalers
 - o Inhalers licensed for Asthma
 - o Inhalers licensed for COPD
- Dietetic updates
 - o Multivitamin and Mineral Supplementation and monitoring following Bariatric Surgery
 - o Patient Leaflet planning for privately funded bariatric (weight loss) surgery in the UK or abroad.
 - o Patient Leaflet Over the Counter Multivitamins and Minerals Post NHS Bariatric Surgery
 - How to lose weight in a healthy way
 - Home Enteral Feeds on Prescription

Formulary updates

- Vapro No Touch Catheters BLACK
- CeraPlus ostomy skin barrier BLACK
- Chapter 4 Central Nervous System is now live on Netformulary
- Riluzole orodispersible tablets best-value switch from standard tablets

Traffic Light Additions / Updates (to be read in conjunction with TAG Agreement document)	
HOSPITAL / SPECIALIST ONLY	TA1066 – June 2025 Somapacitan (Sogroya®) growth hormone deficiency people 3 to 17
	TA1071 – June 2025 Atezolizumab (Tecentriq®) adjuvant treatment of resected non-small-cell lung cancer
	<u>TA1073 – June 2025</u> Marstacimab (Hympavzi®) severe haemophilia A or B in people 12 years and over without anti-factor antibodies
	TA1080 – July 2025 - Mirikizumab (Omvoh®) moderate to severe Crohn's disease
	TA1081 – July 2025 - Zanubrutinib (Brukinsa®) relapsed or refractory mantle cell lymphoma
GREEN	TA1075 – July 2025 - Dapagliflozin (Forxiga®) chronic kidney disease
NICE- APPROVED	TA1067 – June 2025 Linzagolix (Yselty®) symptoms of endometriosis
	TA1070 – June 2025 Spesolimab (Spevigo®) generalised pustular psoriasis flares
	TA1074 – June 2025 Sparsentan (Filspari®) primary IgA nephropathy
BLACK	TA1069 – June 2025 Efgartigimod (Vyvgart®) antibody-positive generalised myasthenia gravis
	TA1068 – June 2025 Tislelizumab unresectable advanced oesophageal squamous cell cancer after platinum-based chemotherapy
	TA1072 – June 2025 Tislelizumab advanced non-small-cell lung cancer after platinum-based chemotherapy
	TA1078 – June 2025 Fosdenopterin molybdenum cofactor deficiency type A

Useful Information		
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025		
Tuesday 26 th August 2025		
Norfolk and Waveney Formulary (norfolkandwaveneyformulary.nhs.uk)		
Prescribing, Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation - Knowledge NoW		
(nwknowledgenow.nhs.uk)		
Therapeutic Advisory Group (TAG) and Commissioning - Knowledge NoW		
(nwknowledgenow.nhs.uk)		
Shared Care Agreements - Knowledge NoW (nwknowledgenow.nhs.uk)		
Pathways and Prescribing Guidance - Knowledge NoW		
(nwknowledgenow.nhs.uk)		
Practice Support - Knowledge NoW (nwknowledgenow.nhs.uk)		
<u>Useful Links - Knowledge NoW (nwknowledgenow.nhs.uk)</u>		

- Please remember to check both KNoW and Netformulary for regular formulary updates
- If you have any interface or formulary queries, please send to the inbox nwicb.medsqueries@nhs.net