

Flowchart for new prescribing of unlicensed specials (Level 2 or 3 as per [Trust policy](#))

Secondary care unlicensed special chosen

Patient consent obtained in line with [Trust policy](#)

- Examples of commonly requested unlicensed specials**
- Spironolactone oral suspension
 - Diltiazem ointment/cream
 - Melatonin tablet/capsule
 - Lansoprazole oral suspension

Unlicensed specials request from secondary care specialist

Secondary Care to Prescribe

Consent/ reasons sent to primary care prescriber

Secondary care

- Routine delivery or collection of medication or prescription from secondary care

Primary Care prescriber to assess appropriateness of unlicensed special.
Refer to [prescribing guidance for unlicensed specials](#) (which covers accepting responsibility for prescribing unlicensed specials medicines).

Inappropriate

- Refer back to secondary care to ask them to take on prescribing
- If emergency supply needed GP may consider issuing as acute.
- Document on GP clinical system as third-party prescribing
- Secondary care to Monitor and review as appropriate

Appropriate

Prescribe:

- Establish monitoring and review needs and document appropriately.

Patient

Flowchart for existing prescribing of unlicensed specials (Level 2 or 3)

