



Doncaster Place and Bassetlaw Place Medicines Optimisation Bulletin

July 2024

Traffic Light Status (TLS) additions and changes

TLS Integrated medicines Optimisation Committee (IMOC) List May 2024

Please Note: TLS status finalised at IMOC all items are classified as non-Formulary unless stated otherwise.

For a full list of items that were classified in June and July click this link below:

[TLS IMOC List June 2024 and July 2024](#)

Useful hyperlinks for medicines
Optimisation (MO)
To open Press control and click the link
below
[IMOC Webpage](#)
[Doncaster Place Website](#)
[MPD](#)

Hydroxychloroquine patients - Retinopathy screening update

SpaMedica are now in the process of retinopathy screening of Hydroxychloroquine patients in order of urgency with the patients who have been on Hydroxychloroquine for over 5 years and high doses in the first cohort. They are reviewing groups of 50 patients at a time and will be sending out letters to GP practices for each patient when this has been completed. In the letter they will ask GP practices to add a snomed /read code to the patients consultation record to ensure the retinopathy screening is recorded and assist in data collection and review in the future. Please inform your admin team to record as follows:-

System1 - Log into the patient's record and open a new consultation. In the 'examination' tab type '**Eye screening of hydroxychloroquine**' this will give you the read code Y0e5d. Click this and click save, it will then be added into the patient's record.

Emis web - Log into the patient's record and open new consultation, click on comment, type '**Hydroxychloroquine retinopathy screening**' then click save, it will then be added into the patient's record.

DIBS Update

April 2024 figures are now released for the 2024/25 DIBS Programme and you can find this information and other useful resources on the DIBS page on the Medicines Management website by clicking this [link](#)

If you have any questions around DIBS, please contact the Medicines Optimisation team via our email : syicb-doncaster.medicinesmanagementadmin@nhs.net

Eclipse Live Update

The Eclipse Live roll out is going well with **28** practices currently signed up and **27** have gone live. If you are one of the remaining 5 practices that have not signed up to Eclipse Live and would like to download a blank contract you can find it by [clicking this link](#)

If you have asked for access to Eclipse Live, please check your **junk mail** as the email may go in there. If you have any other issues with log in details please contact support@prescribingservices.org this is maintained by a dedicated support team who will pick up and action your request as soon as possible.

To read the Eclipse Live Testimony from Louise Patterson and Karla Kirton from Scott Practice [Click here](#)

If you would like to watch the recent training session please click this [Link](#)

Some practices have found that a great place to start using Eclipse Live is by reviewing the Red and Amber alerts and have found this to be a positive addition to existing monitoring of patients. PCN/Practice Pharmacists and Technicians are using Eclipse Live in several practices across Doncaster. If you are a practice that have not looked at the Red and Amber alerts you could consider asking your PCN / Practice pharmacy workforce if they would start reviewing your alerts as they may already be doing this at their other practices. Across the practices that are reviewing there have been 158 Red alert interventions and 95 Amber alert interventions.

You can request support / training how to use Eclipse Live by contacting the ICB SY Digital Transformation Product Support Team via this email: syicb-rotherham.dataqualityanddigitaloptimisationteams@nhs.net



Latest safety updates from MHRA

- **Finasteride:** reminder of the risk psychiatric side effects and of sexual side effects (which may persist after discontinuation of treatment) For full MHRA article [click here](#)
- **Topical steroids:** introduction of new labelling and a reminder of the possibility of severe side effects, including Topical Steroid Withdrawal Reactions For full MHRA article [click here](#)
- **Montelukast:** reminder of the risk of neuropsychiatric reactions For full MHRA article [click here](#)

New and updated Formulary Items

- MPD Section 3.4.1 Antihistamines - Cetirizine 10mg Tablets/ Zirtek Oral Solution 1mg /1ml is 2nd line formulary choice after Loratadine.
- MPD Section 12.2.1 - Olopatadine hydrochloride, Mometasone furoate monohydrate nasal spray (Ryaltris) is 1st line formulary choice where mometasone alone is not effective.

Doncaster Pharmacy First Collaboration Session

Building on the success of our previous events, Doncaster Pharmacy First Collaborative Event Series Session 3 Infected Insect Bites Pathway & Referral Mechanisms on Thursday 22nd August 2024.

Audience: GP practice staff who are actively involved/wish to get involved in the pharmacy first referral process

The event will be held at Mount Pleasant Hotel, Great N Road, Rossington, Doncaster, DN11 0HW and will start with networking and a buffet from 6:30pm with the Pharmacy First session starting at 7.00pm and closing at 8.30pm. This will be followed by a short update from our sponsors, Boehringer Ingelheim for those who wish to stay a little while longer. [Click this link](#) for registration details

Shortage of Pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)

NPSA released an updated statement which superseded the MSN/2024/054 which was issued on 9th May 2024.

There are limited supplies of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapies (PERT)

For position statement: PERT shortage – advice for clinicians on the management of adults with pancreatic exocrine insufficiency [Click here](#)

Conversion table, ensuring similar lipase content (adopted from Nottinghamshire APC July 2024)

Product name	Equivalence in number of capsules									
Creon 25,000 capsules	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nutrizym 22 capsules	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12
Creon 10,000 capsules	3	5	8	10	13	15	18	20	23	25
Pancrex V capsules	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	25	28	31
Pancrex V 125mg capsules	8	16	24	38	42	50	59	68	76	84

Top Tips for Prescribers - Did you Know?

1. E45 itch relief cream is significantly more expensive than emollients without anti itch properties and is not listed on the emollient prescribing guidance. Methoderm cream 1% is the product of choice for itch symptoms. To view the local emollient guidance [Click here](#)
2. SY ICB supports the prescribing of gluten free breads and mixes only, in line with the 2023 Coeliac UK recommendations for England. For SY ICB GF guidance [Click here](#)
3. Different versions of modified-release preparations containing more than 60 mg diltiazem hydrochloride may not have the same clinical effect. Higher strengths are recommended to be prescribed by brand.
4. The formulary choices of blood glucose/ketones test strips and lancets has been updated this year in line with National guidance and you can find the guidance on the website and MPD or by [Clicking here](#)

For the latest Out of Stock information

Refer to your regular emails from medicines management Admin emails.

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