

Medicines Management GP Locum Pack

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The team are happy to receive calls and emails regarding prescribing queries. For those practices who need to send documents to the team and scanning is not an option we have a secure fax 0161 226 6617.

The Medicines Management team also have a GP Prescribing Lead who is Dr Connie Chen.

GMMMG

The Medicines Management Team advocate the use of the GMMMG website [GMMMG](#)

The Medicines Management Team asks all prescribers to follow the GMMMG formularies, "Do Not Prescribe" list and Red Amber Green list. Please see below links

[Formulary](#)

[Do Not Prescribe List](#)

[RAG List](#)

The Medicines Management Team asks all prescribers to be familiar with local shared care guidelines

[Local Shared Care Guidelines](#)

ScriptSwitch

ScriptSwitch is a real time prescribing decisions support tool, its use also helps to measure engagement with the Medicines Management Team, therefore it is essential it is used by all prescribers. Please ensure ScriptSwitch is working on the computer you are working on and you are set up as a user, if it is not please report this to the practice manager as a matter of urgency.

Specials

The Medicines Management Team does not recommend the routine prescribing of specials. In this pack you will find a copy of alternatives to prescribing specials list. If the special you are looking for is not on this list or you would like further advice please contact the team. When using Emis web specials can be identified by £0.00 cost when inputting the drug you would like to prescribe.

Vitamin D

In Central Manchester **HUX D3** is the preferred brand of colecalciferol 20,000unit capsules for both adults and children. With regards to referrals from secondary care for vitamin D, Central Manchester CCG has an agreement in place with CMFT where they will prescribe all colecalciferol liquids and any strength of colecalciferol other than 20,000unit capsules. Please contact the team if you would like further guidance.

28 day prescribing

The Medicines Management Team recommends 28 day prescribing except for antibiotics to minimise waste

Dressings

All dressings should be issued in small quantities (ie 5 or 10 dressings) and kept on acute. If a full box is requested small quantities should still be issued as the patient can always request more if needed.

Oral nutritional supplements

Only consider oral nutritional supplements when four weeks of first-line dietary measures have failed to improve nutritional intake or status or if the patient is suffering from malnutrition. Please see Food First leaflets on this pack for more information.

Oral nutritional supplements requested by secondary care for both children and adults should have a clear diagnosis and review date before being prescribed in primary care.

Continence and stoma products

Do not accept requests for post dated/back dated prescriptions from continence and stoma care companies. Please review quantities before prescribing these products. Please see below link.

[Third party prescription request for Continence and Stoma products](#)

QIPP

The Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) programme has been developed by the Department of Health to drive forward quality improvements in NHS care, at the same time as making efficiency savings. The aim of the QIPP prescribing comparators available on the Medicines Management Business Intelligence Tool is to support organisations and prescribers to review the appropriateness of current prescribing, revise prescribing where appropriate and monitor implementation. The comparators are intended to highlight variation with the aim of reducing this and a movement of the mean in the appropriate direction over time.

QIPP Comparator	Target
3 Days Trimethoprim	Reducing the overall average daily quantities (ADQs) usage over the quarter
Antibacterial	Number of fewer prescriptions over the quarter
Cephalosporins & Quinolones	Number of fewer prescriptions over the quarter
Hypnotics	A reduction in ADQ usage
Minocycline	Reducing the overall ADQ usage by a given figure over the quarter
NSAIDs	Reducing the overall ADQ usage by a given figure over the quarter

QIPP Comparator	Target
NSAIDs Ibuprofen & Naproxen	Prescribing a certain number more ibuprofen or naproxen items, instead of an alternative NSAID, over the quarter
Antidepressants ADQ	Reducing the overall ADQ usage over the quarter
Laxatives	Reducing the overall ADQ usage by a given figure over the quarter
ACE Inhibitor	Prescribing a certain number more of ACE inhibitor items instead A2RAs over the quarter
Antidepressants: First Choice	Prescribing a certain number more first choice generic SSRI items over the quarter
Hypolycaemic Agents	Prescribing a certain number more metformin or sulfonylurea items over the quarter
Lipid Modifying Drugs	Prescribing a certain number fewer ezetimibe or ezetimibe/simvastatin combination items over the quarter
Long-Acting Insulin Analogues	Prescribing a certain number fewer of the long-acting human analogue insulins, degludec, detemir or glargine items over the quarter
Low cost Lipid Modifying Drugs	Prescribing a certain number more items of generic statins (atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin) rather than rosuvastatin or simvastatin/ezetimibe combination over the quarter
Wound Care Products	Reducing the net ingredient cost by a given figure over the quarter
Omega 3	Reducing the overall ADQ usage by a given figure over the quarter

The Medicines Management team asks all prescribers to be mindful of these targets when prescribing.

CCG Intranet

Central Manchester CCG has an intranet where local guidelines and policies can be found.

<http://www.centralmanchesterccg.org.uk/>