

# Medicines Optimisation intervention brief

## Medicines Optimisation Incentive Scheme 2018/19 Cost Saving Intervention

<b>TITLE?</b>
2.1.5a Prescribe oxycodone immediate-release as Shortec brand
<b>WHAT?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Drug Tariff price for generic oxycodone immediate-release is based on the OxyNorm brand.</li> <li>Branded generics have become available at a lower acquisition cost.</li> <li>Shortec brand provides the whole range of strengths. It is now well established in the market and is available at a much lower acquisition cost than the generic.</li> </ul>
<b>WHY?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On current usage there are possible savings within west Hampshire of up to £16,000 per annum by switching to Shortec.</li> </ul>
<b>WHO?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All patients with a repeat prescription for oxycodone immediate-release capsules or OxyNorm capsules.</li> </ul>
<b>TIPS?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxycodone oral solutions, 5mg in 5ml and 10mg in 1ml, are now available as the lower acquisition cost Shortec brand.</li> <li>As this is a new product, ensure stocks are available before switching any patients to these products.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Search for all patients taking oxycodone immediate-release 5mg, 10mg and 20mg capsules or OxyNorm 5mg, 10mg and 20mg capsules.</li> <li>Switch to the equivalent strength of Shortec.</li> </ul>
<b>SO WHAT?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realise savings without affecting efficacy for the patients.</li> </ul>
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morphine is the preferred first line opioid. Oxycodone should be reserved for patients who cannot tolerate morphine.</li> <li>OxyNorm and Shortec are identical products but for commercial reasons have a different pricing structure.</li> </ul> <p>Ref: <a href="http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/groups/par/documents/websiteresources/con316204.pdf">http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/groups/par/documents/websiteresources/con316204.pdf</a></p>

