

Medicines

Optimisation intervention brief

Medicines Optimisation Incentive Scheme 2019/20

Cost Saving Intervention

TITLE?

CS2.3.7 Prescribe Sastravi[®] or Stanek[®] film-coated tablets as the preferred brands of levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone tablets

WHAT?

- Prescribe all levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone tablets or Stalevo[®] film-coated tablets as Sastravi[®] or Stanek[®] film-coated tablets.

WHY?

- Provides consistency for the patient with less chance of confusion between brands.
- Dosing is equivalent to Stalevo[®].
- Sastravi[®] and Stanek[®] are the the brands that provide best value for money, and are on the current WHCCG formulary.
- Local acute trusts are also switching patients to either Sastravi[®] or Stanek[®].
- Sastravi[®] and Stanek[®] film-coated tablets are available in all strengths of levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone and costs are the same for each strength:

Sastravi [®] film-coated tablets 100 tablets (all strengths) £34.66	Current drug tariff price for prescribing as levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone or Stalevo [®] film-coated tablets 100 tablets (all strengths) £69.31
Stanek [®] film-coated tablets 100 tablets (all strengths) £34.65	

Prices from NHSBSA Drug Tariff and Mims online, August 2019

- Estimated potential savings for West Hampshire CCG of £60,000 per annum.

WHO?

- All patients who need to be initiated on levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone.
- All patients requiring regular repeat prescriptions for Stalevo[®] or generic levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone.

TIPS?

- Community pharmacies should be notified prior to making the switch to ensure stocks are available for the proposed changes.

HOW?

- Search for all patients currently prescribed repeat prescriptions for Stalevo[®] or generic levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone tablets, using a standard clinical system search.
- Switch to the relevant strength of Sastravi[®] or Stanek[®] film-coated tablets according to the process agreed with an individual practice.

SO WHAT?

- All patients will receive a consistent brand of levodopa/carbidopa/entacapone film-coated tablets.
- Savings will be realised.

FURTHER INFORMATION

1. Summary of Product Characteristics <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=carbidopa+entacapone>

