

Basingstoke, Southampton and Winchester

District Prescribing Committee (DPC)

Recommendations of the meeting of 11th August 2015

Supported or limited support e.g. Specialist recommendation

- **Abasaglar® ('biosimilar' insulin glargine)** - The DPC supported use of this new biosimilar as a cost-effective alternative to the original brand, Lantus®. It may be considered for use in new patients in preference to Lantus® from September.
- **Alogliptin** - A reminder that this is now the 'gliptin' of first choice locally, due to the broad license, and cost-effectiveness. Patients may be switched from other gliptins, unless they have severe renal impairment in which case linagliptin remains the preferred choice.
- **LBF Barrier Film** - this is now the preferred local formulary choice in primary care. Patients leaving local Acute Trusts on other products, such as Medi Derma-S or Cavilon 1ml or 3ml, can be prescribed LBF Barrier Film 1ml or 2ml in the community for savings.
- **Pico dressings** - specialist recommendation and ongoing supervision is required. These dressings remain non-formulary.
- **Rifaximin for small bowel bacterial overgrowth-** The DPC supported very limited use, and agreed that this medication should be classed as 'red' (i.e. specialist only prescribing) for this indication.
- **Rifaximin for hepatic encephalopathy-** A recent NICE Technology Appraisal supports use for this indication. Local specialist experience is extensive, and shared care guidelines are currently being produced.
- **Ciclosporin eye drops (Ikervis®)** - A newly licensed product is available for specialist use. This medication remains 'red' currently.

Not supported or yet to be reviewed

- **High Strength Insulin Glargine 300iu/ml** - This is not currently recommended, pending formal local review. Guidance on place in treatment, if any, will be forthcoming.
- **Medihoney HCS dressings-** These will remain "non-formulary" for the time being. They are only recommended for niche use locally when other formulary options have been exhausted, and following advice from a tissue viability nurse (TVN) or Link nurse.

Other Information/ Reminders

- **'Red' Drugs-** a reminder to include 'red' drugs, e.g. clozapine being prescribed by specialists, on the patients medication list for completeness. This is an important safety issue, even if the medication is not being issued in primary care.
- **Aqueous Cream-** a reminder that this is no longer recommended as an emollient. It remains an option for use as a soap substitute.

Summarised on behalf of the District Prescribing Committee

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