

Basingstoke, Southampton and Winchester

District Prescribing Committee (DPC)

Recommendations of the meeting of 13th October 2015

Supported or limited support e.g. Specialist recommendation

- **Guideline for the treatment of dry eye syndrome in primary care** - These were approved for circulation, subject to minor amendments.
- **Prescribing oral anticoagulants in AF (including NOACs)** - a revised decision aid for clinicians was approved, along with a new anticoagulation record card for national and local use.
- **Granisetron patches in chemotherapy associated severe nausea and vomiting**- This was supported for niche local use within the terms of the products marketing authorisation (license). Prescribing should be restricted to secondary care.
- **Clindamycin and Tretinoin gel (Treclin®)** - this was approved as a new option in the treatment of acne. Duration of use should not exceed 3 months.
- **Dinoprostone pessaries (Propess®)**- This has been approved as a local option for the outpatient induction of labour only.

Not supported or yet to be reviewed

- **High Strength Insulin Glargine 300iu/ml (Toujeo®)** - This is not currently supported for local use, and the significant risk of confusion around different strengths was noted. Guidance on future place in treatment, if any, may follow at some point.
- **Evolocumab (Repatha®) and Alirocumab (Praluent®) injections for hypercholesterolaemia**- These new injectables are not currently supported for routine local use, pending review by NICE in 2016. In the meantime, exceptional cases may be dealt with as an Individual Funding Request (IFR).

Other Information/ Reminders

- **Midodrine (Bramox®) - now licensed for postural hypotension.** Midodrine has been used locally as an unlicensed option for some time, when other treatments, e.g. fludrocortisone, have been inadequate.
- **Magnaspartate® sachets now licensed as a magnesium supplement (reminder)** - these will replace unlicensed magnesium glycerophosphate products for most patients over 2 years of age.
- **Clindamycin**- local prescribing status has now been updated. For practical reasons clindamycin has been moved from the 'red' category (specialist only) to the 'green' category (any prescriber).

Summarised on behalf of the District Prescribing Committee

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