

**Basingstoke, Southampton and Winchester
District Prescribing Committee (DPC)**

Recommendations of the meeting of 9th February 2016

Supported or limited support e.g. Specialist recommendation

- **Chronic non-malignant pain guidelines** – These were approved for use and will be available on the guidelines section of the West Hampshire CCG website shortly (see links below).
- **Osteoporosis Guidelines – Medical Management of Men and Women who have (or are at risk of) Osteoporosis** – These updated guidelines were approved and will be available on the guidelines section of the West Hampshire CCG website shortly.
- **Idarucizumab (Praxbind)** - specific reversal agent for dabigatran. This was supported for use as per its licensed indication : rapid reversal of anticoagulant effects of the new oral anticoagulant (NOAC), dabigatran, for emergency surgery/urgent procedures, and in life-threatening or uncontrolled bleeding. Only to be used on the advice of a haematologist and should be classed as a RED drug.
- **Degarelix (Firmagon) injection** – This was supported for use locally as a SINGLE DOSE for treatment of prostate cancer-related emergencies (not for long-term treatment). For specialist use only and should be classed as a RED drug.
- **Ciclosporin (Ikervis) eye drops** – NICE TA 369 approved the use of this product for treating dry eye disease that has not improved despite treatment with artificial tears. Locally it is now classed as an AMBER drug (previously RED).

Other Information / Reminders

- **Denosumab** - Following new status to green a Denosumab prescribing information sheet (for osteoporosis) has been developed.
- **Avanafil for the treatment of erectile dysfunction** - the DPC continues to not support the use of this product locally as it offers no real benefit over other PDE5 inhibitors and the patent expiry is not until 2025.

➤ DPC summaries are available at:

<http://www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk/downloads/categories/medicines/district-prescribing-committee>

➤ Shared care guidelines are available at:

<http://www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk/downloads/categories/medicines/shared-care-guidelines>

➤ Guidance documents are available at:

<http://www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk/downloads/categories/medicines/guidance>