

WHAT'S NEW IN THE UNSCHEDULED CARE – PHARMACY GUIDE V 13?

The following are the main changes that have been made to the National Patient Group Direction (PGD) for Urgent Supply of Repeat Medicines, Appliances and ACBS products.

Medication now **allowed** to be supplied using the PGD version 13

- Melatonin in section 4.1.1 is now allowed to be supplied, but only the licensed Circadin® brand provided the patient is currently receiving this brand, no substitutions allowed
- Rivaroxaban and Dabigatran etexilate in section 2.8.2
- All nebulised antibiotics in section 5.1 and the new preparation Tobi® podhaler
- Abiraterone acetate in section 8.3.4.2 can be prescribed if the patient is within the monitoring period required for this drug

Medication **excluded** in the PGD version 13 and can **not** be supplied

- Midazolam oromucosal solution 4.8.2 can not be supplied via the PGD
- Mupirocin nasal ointment in section 12.2.3
- Mupirocin, Neomycin and Retapamulin in section 13.10.1.1

There are no other major changes. Please always check the most up to date version of the PGD if you are unsure whether a drug or item is allowed for supply.

Free Prescription Charges

Remember only patients registered with a Scottish GP are entitled to have access to urgent supply via the PGD and all supplies will be free of charge. Patients not registered with a Scottish GP can still access medication via the emergency supply legislation.

Provided the patient is registered with a Scottish GP, repeat medication prescribed by other prescribers can be supplied under the terms of the PGD – for example, hormonal contraception.

Individual authorisation form

Please complete one form giving the pharmacy name and contractor code of your normal work location, tick the Health Board you work in, plus indicate your position within the pharmacy and fax to the relevant number. You can use one form for up to three Health Boards. Tick up to three boxes and fax to each board you wish to use the PGD in.

Contractors must ensure that at least one pharmacist has named their premises or payment cannot be issued if a supply is made via the PGD. Pharmacists have until the end of June 2012 to sign version 13 or payment will be stopped (unless the PGD is signed and faxed before a supply is made). Individual pharmacists are reminded that they **must sign** the most recent version of the PGD, which is issued twice every year. If you do not sign and fax each time the PGD is issued, and continue to use the CP(US) forms for supply under this PGD, you will be acting illegally.

Use your GPhC number on the Authorisation form and on CP(US) forms.