

NATIONAL PATIENT GROUP DIRECTION FOR URGENT PROVISION OF MEDICINES, APPLIANCES AND ACBS PRODUCTS.

PATIENT GROUP DIRECTION FOR THE URGENT PROVISION OF CURRENT PRESCRIBED MEDICINES, APPLIANCES AND ACBS PRODUCTS LISTED IN THE BNF AND BNFC, TO NHS PATIENTS BY PHARMACISTS.

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## 1. Authorisation

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## 2. Management of the Patient Group Direction (PGD)

This PGD must be read, agreed to and signed by all pharmacists involved in its use. The original signed copy should be held by the Health Board.

#### 3. Application

This PGD covers the urgent provision of current NHS prescribed medicines, appliances and ACBS products to NHS patients by pharmacists where there is a clinical need, it is clinically appropriate to make the supply and when the patient's prescriber is unavailable.

## 4. Clinical Condition

Situation	The provision from a pharmacy with an NHS contract of NHS prescribed medicines, appliances and ACBS products required when the patient is unable to obtain a prescription for supply in the normal way for the clinical conditions described in part A in the schedules of this PGD.
Inclusion Criteria	Medicines and/or appliances and/or ACBS products requested by patient and are currently being prescribed by patient's prescriber.
	Medicines and/or appliances and/or ACBS products are allowed on NHS prescription and are not listed in part B in the schedules of this PGD.
	The prescriber is unavailable.
	Patient is registered (or temporarily) with a medical practice in Scotland.
	Patient agrees to relevant clinical information being provided to the pharmacist.
	Patient agrees that all relevant clinical information is shared between their prescriber and the pharmacist.
Exclusion Criteria	Provision is not urgent.
	Medicines and/or appliances and/or ACBS products which are listed in part B in the schedules of this PGD or are not allowed on NHS prescription.
	No agreement to share relevant clinical information.
	Patient's clinical condition significantly changed.

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Action if Excluded	Provide supply under existing emergency supply regulations.
	Refer to prescriber or to OOH service using the direct referral process if emergency supply regulations do not apply.

## 5. Description of Treatment

Medicine	All medicines and/or appliances and/or ACBS products required and listed in BNF and BNFC described in part A in the schedules of this PGD.
Legal Status	As described in the BNF or BNFC.
Dosage Form and	As normally prescribed by the patient's prescriber.
Strength	or
	Variation of product brand and/or dosage form and/or strength may be substituted when usual product cannot be supplied within a reasonable time provided the active drug base and dose and dosage regimen is equivalent.
Dose	As normally prescribed by the patient's prescriber or if not known as recommended by the BNF or BNFC.
Exceptions	All medicines and/or appliances and/or ACBS products listed in part B in the schedules of this PGD.
Duration of Supply	One prescribing cycle i.e. quantity and duration normally prescribed to the patient or up to one months supply if not known.
Patient Information	Provision of the appropriate Pharmaceutical Industry Patient Information Leaflet.
	Provision of any other relevant information as judged by the pharmacist operating under this PGD.
Documentation	The pharmacist will complete a CP(US) or CP4 form
Supply	The supply of medicine and/or appliances and/or ACBS products should comply with the requirement for labelling and be in an appropriate container or packaging.

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Follow-up	Ensure that the patient's prescriber is notified and that all records are completed.
Adverse reactions	As described in BNF or BNFC.
Record/Audit Trail	The CP(US) or electronic claim should be forwarded to NHS NSS for onward processing
	A record of the transaction i.e. a fax or photocopy of the CP(US) or CP4 print out should be forwarded to the patient's prescriber as soon as possible.
	A record of the transaction should be entered in the patient's Prescription Medication Record.

## 6. Characteristic of Staff

QualificationsPharmacist whose name is currently on the practising section of<br/>the pharmaceutical register held by the General Pharmaceutical<br/>Council (GPhC).



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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Gastro-intestinal system, chapter 1

**Part A:** All medicines in Gastro-intestinal system, chapter 1 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Chronic bowel disorders	Food allergy	Rectal and anal disorders
Constipation	Gastro-intestinal smooth	Reduced exocrine
	muscle spasm	secretions
Diarrhoea	Liver disorders and related conditions	Stoma care
Disorders of gastric acid and ulceration	Obesity	

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Gastro-intestinal system, chapter 1 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions	Acute/Specialist use only
All section 2.1	Acute use only
All section 4.4	Diagnostic use only
Cholic Acid	Specialist use only
Lubiprostone	Acute use only
Racecadotril	Acute use only



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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Cardiovascular system, chapter 2

**Part A:** All medicines in Cardiovascular system, chapter 2 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Arrhythmias	Blood pressure conditions	Myocardial ischaemia
Bleeding disorders	Heart failure	Oedema
Blood clots	Hyperlipidaemia	Vascular disease

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Cardiovascular system, chapter 2 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections, infusions and intravenous	Acute/Specialist use only
flushes except:	
<u>Alirocumab</u>	
Emerade <sup>®</sup> , EpiPen <sup>®</sup> and Jext <sup>®</sup>	
injections for self-administration	
Dalteparin sodium injection	
Enoxaparin sodium injection	
Tinzaparin sodium injection	
All section 2.1	Specialist use only
All section 2.2	Specialist use only
All section 4.1a	Specialist use only
All section 4.1c	Specialist use only
All section 4.2 except:	Specialist use only
midodrine hydrochloride	
Lomitapide	Specialist use only
Mexiletine	Specialist use only
Metirosine	Specialist use only



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#### **BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Respiratory system, chapter 3**

**Part A:** All medicines in Respiratory system, chapter 3 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Airways disease,	Conditions affecting sputum
obstructive	viscosity
Allergic Conditions	Cough and congestion

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Respiratory system, chapter 3 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions	Acute/Specialist use only
All section 5	Specialist use only
Erdosteine	Acute use only
Grass pollen extract	Specialist Use only
Oxygen <sup>1</sup>	Alternative supply route

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Oxygen supplies should be obtained via Dolby Vivisol on 0800 833 531 Unscheduled Care – Pharmacy Guide - PGD-Version 23 Due for review April 2018 Section 11

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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Nervous system, chapter 4

**Part A:** All medicines in Nervous system, chapter 4 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Dementia	Nausea and labyrinth disorders	Sleep disorders
Mental health disorders	Pain	Substance dependence
Movement disorders	Seizures <sup>2</sup>	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Patients receiving therapy with Category 1 antiepiletics - phenytoin, carbamazepine, phenobarbital or primidoneshould be maintained on their usual brand. Patients receiving therapy with Category 2 antiepileptics - the need for continued supply of a particular manufacturer's product should be based on clinical judgement, taking in to account factors such as seizure frequency and treatment history. (MHRA/CHM-Nov 2013)



Part B: The following medicines listed in Nervous system, chapter 4 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions	Acute/Specialist use only
All section 3.2 except Atomoxetine and	Controlled drug
Guanfacine	
All section 8.3	Controlled drug/Specialist use only
Alfentanil	Controlled drug
Aprepitant	Specialist use only
Buprenorphine	Controlled drug
Capsaicin patches	Specialist use only
Clobazam <sup>3</sup>	Epilepsy only
Clozapine <sup>₄</sup>	Registration required
Codeine phosphate oral solution	Potential for abuse
Diamorphine hydrochloride	Controlled drug
Dipipanone hydrochloride with cyclizine	Controlled drug
Fentanyl	Controlled drug
Hydromorphone hydrochloride	Controlled drug
Loxapine	Specialist use only
Melatonin⁵	Acute use only
Meprobamate	Controlled drug
Midazolam	Controlled drug
Morphine <sup>6</sup>	Controlled drug
Morphine with cyclizine	Controlled drug
Nabilone	Controlled drug
Oxycodone Hydrochloride	Controlled drug
Oxycodone with naloxone	Controlled drug
Palonosetron	Specialist use only
Palonosetron with netupitant	Specialist use only
Paracetamol with tramadol	Controlled drug
Pentazocine	Controlled drug
Pethidine hydrochloride	Controlled drug
Phenobarbital	Controlled drug
Sodium Oxybate	Specialist use only
Sufentanil	Controlled drug
Tapentadol	Controlled drug
Temazepam	Controlled drug
Tramadol	Controlled drug

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Clobazam <u>can</u> be supplied under the PGD for **epilepsy only and must be endorsed SLS**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Clozapine <u>can</u> be supplied under the PGD if the Pharmacy is registered for the patient monitoring service for that patient.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Only Circadin<sup>®</sup> can be supplied, provided the patient is currently receiving this brand.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> All strengths <u>are not</u> allowed on the PGD including oramorph 10mg/5ml. Unscheduled Care – Pharmacy Guide - PGD-Version 23

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#### **BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Infections, chapter 5**

**Part A:** All medicines in Infections, chapter 5 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Amoebic infection	Fungal infection
Bacterial infection	Viral infection

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Infections, chapter 5 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions	Acute/Specialist use only
All section 1	Acute use only
All section 4	Acute use only
All section 5 except Quinine for	Acute use only
nocturnal leg cramps	
All section 6.1	Specialist use only
All section 6.2	Specialist use only
All section 6.5 <sup>7</sup>	Acute use only
All section 6.6	Specialist use only
Fidaxomicin	Acute use only
Neomycin	Acute use only
Rifaximin	Acute use only

 <sup>7</sup> Refer to emergency planning section for distribution arrangements in the case of pandemic flu. Unscheduled Care – Pharmacy Guide - PGD-Version 23
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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Endocrine system, chapter 6

**Part A:** All medicines in Endocrine, chapter 6 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Antidiuretic hormone disorders	Disorders of bone metabolism	Sex hormone responsive conditions
Corticosteroid responsive conditions	Dopamine responsive conditions	Thyroid disorders
Diabetes mellitus and hypoglycaemia	Gonadotrophin responsive conditions	

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Endocrine system, chapter 6 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions except in	Acute/Specialist use only/Controlled
section 3	drug
Section 2.1	Specialist use only
All section 7	Specialist use only
All section 8.2 except section 8.2a	Controlled drug
Anhydrous glucose	Acute use only
Clomifene citrate	Specialist use only
lodide with iodine	Acute use only



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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Genito-urinary system, chapter 7

**Part A:** All medicines in Genito-urinary system, chapter7 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Bladder and urinary	Erectile and ejaculatory
disorders	conditions
Contraception	Vaginal and vulval
	conditions

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Genito-urinary system, chapter 7 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions except in	Acute/Specialist use only
section 3.5	
All intra-uterine devices	Time period between repeats
All section 2	Specialist use only
All section 3.2	Time period between repeats
All section 3.3	Acute use only
All section 5	Specialist use only
Adcirca <sup>®</sup>	Specialist use only
Etonogestrel implant	Time period between repeats
Levonorgestrel 1.5mg Tablet	Acute use only
Revatio <sup>®</sup>	Specialist use only



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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Malignant disease, chapter 8

**Part A:** All medicines in Malignant disease, chapter 8 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Immune system <sup>8</sup>	Malignant disease
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**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Malignant disease, chapter 8 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions	Acute/Specialist use only
All sections except:	Specialist use only
All Malignant disease section 3	
Hormone responsive malignancy	
All Malignant disease section 3.1	
Hormone responsive breast cancer	
Mercaptopurine	
Methotrexate	
Abiraterone acetate <sup>9</sup>	Monitoring required

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Patients receiving oral therapy with ciclosporin or tacrolimus should be maintained on their usual brand. Any change must be under the supervision of a specialist.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Abiraterone acetate can be supplied under the PGD if the patient is within the required monitoring period. Unscheduled Care – Pharmacy Guide - PGD-Version 23
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#### **BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Blood and nutrition, chapter 9**

**Part A:** All medicines in Blood and nutrition, chapter 9 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Blood and blood-forming organs	Metabolic disorders	Trace elements deficiencies
Fluid and electrolyte imbalances	Nutrition	Vitamin deficiencies

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Blood and nutrition, chapter 9 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions except:	Acute/Specialist use only
Blood and blood-forming organs section	
1.1 and section 1.3	-
All Blood and blood-forming organs	Specialist use only
section 2 Iron overload	
All Blood and blood-forming organs	Specialist use only
section 3.2 Stem cell mobilisation	
All Nutrition and metabolic disorders	Specialist use only
section 2 Metabolic disorders except:	
All drugs in section 2.2	
All drugs in section 2.12	
Calcium polystyrene sulfonate	Specialist use only
Eltrombopag	Specialist use only
Oxymetholone	Controlled Drug
Sodium polystyrene sulfonate	Specialist use only



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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Musculoskeletal system, chapter 10

**Part A:** All medicines in Musculoskeletal, chapter 10 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Arthritis	Neuromuscular disorders
Hyperuricaemia and gout	Pain and inflammation in
	musculoskeletal disorders

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Musculoskeletal, chapter 10 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions	Acute/Specialist use only
All section 3.1	Specialist use only
Leflunomide <sup>10</sup>	Monitoring required

<sup>10</sup> Leflunomide can be supplied under the PGD if the patient is within the required monitoring period.
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#### **BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Eye, chapter 11**

**Part A:** All medicines in Eye, chapter 11 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Allergic and inflammatory eye conditions	Eye infections	Glaucoma and ocular hypertension
Dry eye conditions	Eye procedures	

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Eye, chapter 11 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions	Acute/Specialist use only
All section 4 <u>except</u> :	Acute/Specialist use only
Bromfenac	
Diclofenac sodium	
Flurbiprofen	
Ketorolac trometamol	
All section 6	Specialist use only
Dexamethasone implant	Specialist use only
Sodium chloride	Acute use only



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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Ear, nose and oropharynx, chapter 12

**Part A:** All medicines in Ear, nose and oropharynx, chapter 12 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Dry mouth	Oral hygiene	Oropharyngeal fungal infections
Nasal congestion	Oral hygiene, dental caries	Oropharyngeal viral infections
Nasal inflammation, nasal polyps and rhinitis	Oral ulceration and inflammation	Otitis Externa
Nasal staphylococcal infection	Oropharyngeal bacterial infections	

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Ear, nose and oropharynx, chapter 12 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All Ear section 2	Acute use only
Aluminium acetate	Acute use only
Ephedrine hydrochloride	Acute use only
Flurbiprofen	Acute use only
Mupirocin	Acute use only
Salicylic acid with rhubarb extract	Acute use only
Xylometazoline hydrochloride	Acute use only



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#### **BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Skin, chapter 13**

**Part A:** All medicines in Skin, chapter 13 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Dry and scaling skin	Photodamage	Skin cleansers, antiseptics
disorders		and desloughing agents
Infections of the skin	Pruritus	Skin disfigurement
Inflammatory skin	Rosacea and acne	Superficial soft tissue
conditions		injuries and superficial
		thrombophlebitis
Perspiration	Scalp and hair conditions	Warts and calluses

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Skin, chapter 13 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All injections and infusions	Acute/Specialist use only
All section 2.3	Acute use only
Acitretin	Specialist use only
Alitretinoin	Specialist use only
Glycopyrronium bromide	Specialist use only
Ingenol mebutate	Acute use only
Isotretinoin	Specialist use only
Mupirocin	Acute use only
Neomycin sulfate	Acute use only
Podophyllotoxin	Acute use only
Retapamulin	Acute use only
Skin adhesives	Acute use only



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#### **BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Vaccines, chapter 14**

**Part A:** All medicines in Vaccines, chapter 14 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

There are no clinical conditions.

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Vaccines, chapter 14 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All chapter 14	Acute/Specialist use only



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#### **BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Anaesthesia, chapter 15**

**Part A:** All medicines in Anaesthesia, chapter 15 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

Local anaesthesia

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Anaesthesia, chapter 15 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All chapter 15 <u>except</u> : Lidocaine hydrochloride cream, ointment and plaster Lidocaine with prilocaine Lidocaine with tetracaine Tetracaine	Acute/Specialist use only



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#### BNF/BNFC Class of Medicine: Emergency treatment of poisoning, chapter 16

**Part A:** All medicines in Emergency treatment of poisoning, chapter16 of the current BNF/BNFC, with the exception of those listed in Part B of this schedule, may be provided in accordance with the terms given in this PGD to treat the following clinical conditions:

There are no clinical conditions.

**Part B:** The following medicines listed in Emergency treatment of poisoning, chapter16 of the current BNF/BNFC may not be provided under this PGD.

Excluded drug	Rationale
All chapter 16	Acute/Specialist use only