

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE UNSCHEDULED CARE – PHARMACY GUIDE V 20?

**Please ensure all pharmacy staff are aware of the tools available in the Unscheduled Care Pharmacy Guide, as they are normally the first contact for patients in the pharmacy.**

### Changes to the Unscheduled Care PGD

There are no changes to drugs allowed or disallowed however there has been a format change to version 20 of the PGD. The publication of BNF 70 saw a move from the recognised subsections, which were used within the PGD to indicate disallowed items, so this version reflects this change. The conditions in the PGD are the headings in each BNF chapter if relevant. You will find more statements such as "all injections and infusions" for the full chapter. You will also find "except" used where a full section may be excluded except a particular group of drugs. More drugs, which will already have been disallowed in previous versions, may now be listed by name due to them not having a particular section number. [The PGD will correspond with the paper copy of the BNF as the online version does not have section numbers. Therefore, the paper copy of BNF 71 must be used to establish if a drug is disallowed when using the PGD .](#)

We hope that this format will be straightforward to follow, however please do not hesitate to contact NHS 24 Regional Pharmacy Advisors at [pharmacyenquiries@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:pharmacyenquiries@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk) if there are any queries.

### Individual Authorisation Forms

When completing this form please add the pharmacy name and contractor code of your normal work location, tick the Health Board you work in, indicate your position within the pharmacy and fax or post to the relevant Health Board number (Section 11). You can use a single form for up to three Health Boards. If doing so, tick up to three boxes and fax or post to each Board you have selected. This will ensure you are authorised to use the PGD in the Boards indicated.

**Contractors must ensure that at least one pharmacist has named their premises or payment cannot be made for a supply under the PGD.** Pharmacists have until **31st July 2016** to sign version 20 or payment for supplies made will be stopped (unless the PGD is signed and faxed immediately before a supply is made). Individual pharmacists are reminded that they **must sign** the most recent version of the PGD, which is usually issued twice every year. If you do not sign and fax or post 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.**

### Unscheduled Care Folder and PGD available online only

The Unscheduled care pharmacy guide is now ONLY available in electronic format. It is the responsibility of each individual and contractor to ensure they are operating to the current, up to date version of the PGD. Health Boards will continue to issue the signed authorisation form required for the PGD to each community pharmacy, and communicate any changes related to confidential information. It will also be the responsibility of each contractor/employer to ensure the NHS Community Pharmacy internet site can be accessed by staff and locums from within the pharmacy for reference when required. [http://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/unscheduled\\_care.html](http://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/unscheduled_care.html)

### Medication Liable to Abuse reminder

Below is a list of medication, provided by the 'Specialist Pharmacists on Substance Misuse Group', that may be liable to abuse or included in a reducing dose regimen. Although many urgent/emergency supply requests for this medication may be genuine, please consider only supplying a minimum quantity until a patients prescriber is available, to reduce the risk of abuse.

Antidiarrhoeals containing opioids e.g. Co-phenotrope and Kaolin and Morphine

Baclofen

Benzodiazepines (unless known to be used to treat epilepsy)

Codeine containing products

Cyclizine

Dihydrocodeine containing products

Gabapentin

Meptazinol

Pregabalin

Sativex

Sedative antihistamines e.g. Diphenhydramine, Promethazine

Stimulants – Decongestants e.g. Pseudoephedrine

Zaleplon

Zolpidem

Zopiclone

For those patients who require supplies of these medicines in the OOH period, please consider the impact upon the patient of not making a supply. If you have doubts over the appropriateness of making a supply under the PGD remember that you can check the patient's **Emergency Care Summary (ECS)** with their consent, through NHS 24 on **0845 7000 666**.