WHAT’S NEW IN THE UNSCHEDULED CARE – PHARMACY GUIDE V 26?

1. **Future review cycle of the PGD**

   Review and Updating of the PGD for the Urgent Provision of Current Prescribed Medicines, Appliances and ACBS Products will now occur on a 12-monthly basis, rather than every six months as has been the case to date. This means that when you sign PGD v26, it will be Spring 2020 before you will need to sign the PGD again i.e. v27.

2. **Pregabalin and Gabapentin**

   On the 1st April 2019, gabapentin and pregabalin were reclassified as Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs, and as such are no longer to be supplied under this PGD. The link below summarises the legislative changes regarding their supply, for information.


3. **Change to Direct Referral/Professional-to-Professional Line**

   The most recent circulation of the professional-to-professional line numbers which should have been circulated by your Board over Easter contained only one update, which was a change to the number for NHS Dumfries & Galloway.

4. **Change to Authorisation Form**

   NHS Fife are now asking pharmacists to either email or post their PGD Authorisation Form to them, as they have decommissioned their fax machine. See updated form for details.

5. **Supply of Gluten Free Foods under the PGD**

   The Department of Health and Social Care in England has restricted the prescribing of gluten-free (GF) foods, with English GPs now only being able to prescribe bread and mixes. **In Scotland, this is not the case.** If asked to supply GF products under this PGD you are unsure of, refer to section 16 of the Scottish Drug Tariff which lists all GF products allowed on prescription.
6. Medication Included and Excluded

Medication included in PGD version 26 and **can be supplied**

Similar products available for supply under the PGD, and therefore these medicines are also allowed:

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- Biktarvy ® (bictegravir with emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide) p.637
- Cetraxal Plus ® (ciprofloxacin with fluocinolone acetonide) p.1171
- Diclofenac mouthwash (diclofenac) p.1188
- Elmiron ® (pentosan polysulfate sodium) p.772
- Juluca ® (dolutegravir with rilpivirine) p.632
- Kelhale ® (beclomethasone dipropionate) p.257
- Senshio ® (ospemifene) p.816
- Reagila ® (cariprazine) p.392
- Xonvea ® (doxylamine with pyridoxine) p.426

New medication excluded in the PGD version 26 and **cannot be supplied**

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- Aimovig ® (erenumab) – Specialist initiation, Hospital Only
- Imfinzi ® (durvalumab) – specialist use only
- Lynparza ® tablets (olaparib) – specialist use only
- Rubraca ® (rucaparib) – specialist use only
- Qarziba ® (dinutuximab beta) – specialist use only
- Vesierra ® (esketamine) – specialist use only
- Vyxeos ® (daunorubicin with cytarabine) – acute use only
- Zanosar ® (streptozocin) – specialist use only
- Pregabalin – controlled drug
- Gabapentin – controlled drug
Reminders

1. 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, email 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 send to each Board you have selected. This will ensure you are authorised to use the PGD in the Boards indicated.

Contractors: you must ensure that at least one pharmacist has named your premises on the form, or payment cannot be made for a supply under the PGD. Pharmacists have until 31st July 2019 to sign version 26 or payment for supplies made will be stopped (unless the PGD is signed and faxed/emailed immediately before a supply is made). Individual pharmacists are reminded that they must sign the most recent version of the PGD, which from now on will be an annual requirement. If you do not sign and fax/email/post each time the PGD is issued, and continue to use the CP(US)/CP4 forms for supply under this PGD, you will be acting illegally.

Use your GPhC number on the Authorisation form and on CP(US)/CP4 forms.

2. 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.

https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/unscheduled-care/

Please do not hesitate to contact NHS 24 Regional Pharmacy Advisors at pharmacyenquiries@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk if there are any queries using PGD version 26.