

NHS Lothian Process Flowchart for Community Pharmacy Supply of SACT to treat Prostate Cancer

Prostate Clinic Responsibilities

Clinic visit 1:

Decision made to commence patient on systemic anti-cancer therapy (SACT).

- Patient consented for SACT and initial 5 weeks prescribed on chemocare for supply from hospital.
- Counselling and SACT information provided to patients about administration and monitoring in line with local guidance.
- Prescription verified by clinical pharmacists and dispensed by hospital pharmacy.
- Patient asked to nominate a community pharmacy.
- Service completes a Community Pharmacy Supply Initiation Form and sends this to the Cancer Care OPD Pharmacist or OPD admin assistant.

Clinic visit 2 onwards:

- Patient reviewed in clinic and, if appropriate, SACT prescribed on chemocare for the desired number of months
- Prescriptions for either abiraterone with prednisolone or enzalutamide are written on HBP forms. All prescriptions will be written so as to cover a 4 week supply and will be issued in multiples to cover a 4, 8 or 12 week supply in total. The maximum number of prescriptions written in one clinic visit will be 3.



Cancer Care OPD Pharmacist or OPD admin assistant Responsibilities

- Contact nominated community pharmacy by telephone to inform them that they have been nominated, confirm the pharmacy have signed a copy of the service specification and provide reminder of processes for ordering the medicines.
- Direct community pharmacist to information for community dispensing of treatment of prostate cancer patients.
See <https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-lothian/>
- The patient specific Community Pharmacy Supply Initiation Form is sent to the nominated community pharmacy via email.
- During clinic at clinic visit 2 onwards, ensure patient is aware to hand prescriptions into the community pharmacy ASAP.



Community Pharmacy Responsibilities

- Community Pharmacy ensures that the service specification has been returned to PCCO. (This step only needs completed once per contractor.)
- On receipt of prescriptions Community Pharmacy contacts service by e-mailing SACToutpatients@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk. This will trigger the payment of £75 per patients (to be paid annually).
- Community Pharmacy sets up account with appropriate supplier.
- Community Pharmacy places order for treatment.



Cancer Care OPD Pharmacist or OPD admin assistant Responsibilities

- Once community pharmacy has e-mailed OPD admin with confirmation of receipt of prescriptions, admin authorise initial £75 per patient payment (to be paid annually).
- Add patient to community dispensing tracker database.



Community Pharmacy Responsibilities

- The Community Pharmacist dispenses the supply of systemic anti-cancer treatment (SACT) as per instructions on the prescription.
- Community Pharmacy orders subsequent stock on monthly basis no more than 7 days before due date



Prostate Clinic Responsibilities

- Patient attends prostate clinic for ongoing care and monitoring
- The Cancer Care OPD pharmacist and MDT prescribe further months treatment as appropriate



Cancer Care OPD Pharmacist or OPD admin assistant Responsibilities

- Any changes to patient's treatment are communicated with the community pharmacy by telephone and email via a treatment change notification form.
- Check annually with the community pharmacy whether a patient is still receiving treatment through pharmacy in order to confirm annual payment of £75 per patient



Community Pharmacy Responsibilities

- Patient collects supplies from nominated community pharmacy at the prescribed intervals.
- Missed doses or non collection of medicines at prescribed intervals should be notified to the specialist service as soon as possible. See contact details below.
- Submit collected prescription to PSD

Contact Details for Cancer Care Services

Edinburgh Cancer Centre, Western General Hospital

SACToutpatients@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Cancer Care OPD Pharmacist/Non-medical prescriber

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