

Blood Borne Viruses (BBV) Pharmacy Dispensing Memo

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Dear Colleagues,

Please see information below regarding the supply of medications for patients being treated for blood borne infections and associated changes in supervision for the duration of the current crisis.

If an ORT patient has need of delivery of their addiction medication then consideration is given to delivering all medication associated with that patient (which may include HIV, Hep C etc) at the same time.

Thank you.

*Regards
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Memo to all GG&C Community Pharmacies

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From: Fiona Marra on behalf of BBV Pharmacy Team

In line with changes circulated recently regarding ORT therapy dispensing, can all HIV and HCV prescriptions please be managed in the same capacity. This means that:

- Supervision is no longer required if this has been stopped in the short term for ORT and dispensing instalments should always mirror that of ORT.
- Current prescriptions already written and in community pharmacies for patients currently on treatment or due to start for daily dispensing should be changed to be in line with new ORT dispensing instructions. 'PC' can be annotated on the prescription- in most cases this will be weekly dispense.
- As of today and until regular daily supervised prescribing is resumed, all HCV and HIV prescriptions will be written with dispensing 'to mirror prescribing instructions as per ORT'
- For all patients on HIV or HCV prescriptions not on ORT these should now be weekly collect also
- If a patient on ORT is unable to attend the pharmacy due to self isolation, and does not have anyone to collect on their behalf, then arrangements will be made for delivery of the ORT medication. HCV/HIV medications should also be delivered in this situation.
- Arrangement for HIV prescriptions also apply to patients who are prescribed HIV PrEP

Any enquiries for HCV prescriptions please contact: 0141 211 3367

Any enquiries for HIV prescriptions please contact: 0141 211 3383