



Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Date: Thursday 1st July 2021




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New in this edition –

- Drug Alert Class 2 Medicines Recall - KYOWA KIRIN LIMITED XOMOLIX 2.5MG/ML SOLUTION FOR INJECTION

URGENT	DRUG ALERT CLASS 2 - 15 2021 – CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL – ACTION WITHIN 48 HOURS – KYOWA KIRIN LIMITED XOMOLIX 2.5MG/ML SOLUTION FOR INJECTION
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REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

REMINDER	PGDs for Aciclovir and Flucloxacillin
 PGD Aciclovir 800mg APPROVED N  PGD Flucloxacillin National APPROVED  Aciclovir_Flucloxacillin Single Signature Attached	Attached are National Pharmacy First PGDs for Aciclovir and Flucloxacillin. Please note: To cut down on paper and to streamline the submission process, you only need to submit one signing sheet. This sheet <i>MUST</i> however contain separate signatures for both of the PGDs showing that you have read, understood and accept the professional responsibility for each arrangement. Please sign and return by 1st July 2021. Further information available from the link below – please note this is a restricted space and you will need to provide log in details to access: https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/restricted-community-pharmacists/patient-group-directions-pgd/
REMINDER	Clenil® Modulite® (beclometasone) release of additional batches for all strengths without dose counter

	<p>Clenil Modulite inhalers contain the same medication as before, beclometasone, and therefore require no change to either the way prescriptions are written, or the way patients manage their asthma.</p> <p>The medicine is provided in the same inhaler device (pressurised metered dose inhaler; pMDI). The only difference in the new additional batches is the lack of dose indicator on any strength of Clenil (50/100/200/250mcg)</p> <p>Please share to all your teams including locum pharmacists as appropriate</p> <p>Alan Harrison 29.06.21</p>
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REMINDER	COVID-19 VACCINE MODERNA AND PFIZER/BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE: MYOCARDITIS AND PERICARDITIS – REVISIONS TO THE PRODUCT INFORMATION
	<p>Please see MHRA information regarding revisions to the product information for the Moderna, and Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for onward transmission using the link below:</p> <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine: myocarditis and pericarditis– revisions to the product information (rpharms.com)</p> <p>Alan Harrison 29.06.21</p>

REMINDER	Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) Self Audit for Community Pharmacies
	<p>A new self audit tool has been created for all community pharmacists who provide OST services. The audit will help you to review current practice within the pharmacy and identify areas for development.</p> <p>Pharmacists are being asked to complete the self audit tool on an annual basis and following any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant change to the OST dispensing process within the pharmacy Or • Pharmacy incident involving OST <p>Please click to access the audit CP OST Self Audit Form</p> <p>A copy of the form can also be found on the Community Pharmacy Website using the following link: NHS Community Pharmacy Website (scot.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Amanda Laird 29.06.21</p>

REMINDER	Disallowed items
	<p>There has been a number of queries into the office recently regarding disallowed items and the forms that are being used/selected on the PMR.</p> <p>We would encourage everyone to ensure that :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The correct form and service is being selected when using the PMR;

2. Use only medicines and drugs that are listed in the formularies for the service that is being delivered; and
3. If there is a query in relation to a disallowed product then the following contact details for PSD are used to enquire around the issue :-
 - Telephone: 0131 275 7433
 - Email: nss.pcfs-pharm-group-leaders-edin@nhs.scot

Alan Harrison
29.06.21

REMINDER

Unscheduled Care - PGD Version 28 – May 2021



PGD v28 (May 2021).pdf



What's New V28.pdf



Individual signing sheet v28.pdf



Direct Referral contact numbers OO

We have been asked by NHS 24 to advise you that the National PGD for Urgent Provision of Current Prescribed Medicines, Appliances and ACBS products has been updated to version 28. This is now ONLY available electronically via the NHS Scotland Community Pharmacy internet site:

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

Please can you ensure that all pharmacy staff read the updates on the website. For an overview and explanation of the changes please review the “**What’s new**” section.

Please ensure that all pharmacists read the new version of the PGD and complete **the individual authorisation**. Once signed, the individual authorisation form should be returned for the attention of Karen Armstrong by post to Pharmacy Services, Clarkston Court, 56 Busby Road, Glasgow, G76 7AT or email ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot. Please note that all pharmacists, managers, relief managers and locum pharmacists must sign and return this form for any supply they make on a UCF/CP4 form under the PGD to be legal.

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Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

Karen Armstrong, Contracts Administrator
22.06.21

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- **Review of new resource hub - Dietetics COVID-19 knowledge hub: about us**
- **Paracetamol PGD V5**
- **Stoma Service Specification**
- **Rise in Covid Positive Cases**
- **Drug Alert Class 4 -16 2021 – Galderma UK – Tetralysal 300mg Hard Capsuals**
- **Pharmaceutical List Amendments 1st July 2021**

Urgent Action	For Action: MHRA Device Safety Information
	<p>MDSI2108: Medical devices sterilised by Steril Milano - potential for incomplete sterilisation</p> <p>MDSI2108.pdf (scot.nhs.uk) 6.7.21</p>

Action	Gluten Free Food Formulary
	<p>Please note that the following items have been discontinued on the Gluten Free Food Formulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barkat Home Fresh Parbaked Rolls 260g • Barkat Gnocchi 250g <p>Una Cuthbert 6.7.2021</p>

Action	Review of new resource hub - Dietetics COVID-19 knowledge hub: about us
	<p>We are a collaboration funded by the British Dietetic Association (BDA) to formulate, from experience and available evidence, a toolkit for the nutritional care of adults leaving acute care after Covid-19 infection.</p> <p>In response to our research, we have developed a virtual knowledge hub to provide appraised and updated information mapping out nutritional support for Covid-19 recovery: www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/dietetics-and-health/covid-knowledge-hub</p>

	<p>The information is organised in two parts; one targeting patients and one for professionals. Each section starts with the relevant consensus statements generated by the expert panels, which guided the content.</p> <p>If you have experience in caring for patients recovering from covid-19 and are able to undertake this review by Monday 19th of July, please get in touch. We will reimburse you £150 for your time, estimating it will take between 3-5 hours. If you are interested in this opportunity please email:</p> <p>Abigail Tronco Hernandez - Abigail.troncohernandez@plymouth.ac.uk</p> <p>Research Fellow in the School of Health Professions, University of Plymouth</p> <p>6.7.2021</p>
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 Paracetamol PGD (post-vacc) v5.pdf  Appendix 1. Paracetamol dosing P Attached	<p>Please find attached Version 5 of PGD Paracetamol Suspension (for childhood immunisation programme) and Appendix 1. These can also be found on our website.</p> <p>This has been updated due to a change in clinical guidance for very small babies. The weight of the infant now advised to be 4kg or heavier before paracetamol can be supplied as part of the PGD.</p> <p>Please note this supersedes the previous version sent earlier in the year and must be signed.</p> <p>Can you please read the PGD and return the signed signature sheet to this office by Friday 6th August 2021.</p> <p>Karen Armstrong – Contracts Administrator 6.7.2021</p>

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	<p>Further to our update in August 2020, CP contractors should note that the Stoma Specification which officially ceased in June 2020 will continue for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Other priorities have prevented the revised Specification from being published and as such the provisions contained in the existing Specification will continue until further notice.</p> <p>Janine Glen Contracts Manager 6.7.2021</p>

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	<p>As the number of positive cases of Covid continues to be extremely high, and subsequently those having to self-isolate either due to positive results or because of test and protect increases, pressure appears to be building across all aspects of Pharmacy services within NHS GGC. Pharmacy colleagues in Community, Primary and Acute have all been affected to similar degrees and therefore it is unrealistic to expect that resource can be moved from one to another to support if needed.</p> <p>With this in mind I would like to remind everyone of their responsibilities to ensure that their own individual contingency plans are in place to minimise disruption to patient care within the communities. These plans should include e.g. working collaboratively with buddy pharmacies and having a full contact list for vulnerable patients in the unlikely event that there is a need for the pharmacy to close.</p>

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Action	DRUG ALERT CLASS 4 - 16 2021 – CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION – CAUTION IN USE – GALDERMA UK - TETRALYSAL 300MG HARD CAPSULES
	<p>Class 4 Medicines Defect Information, Tetralysal 300mg Hard Capsules, (PL 10590/0019), EL (21)A/16 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>6.7.2021</p>

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- Chloramphenicol Eye Drops
- Cetirizine Supply issues
- Patient's Returned Waste Uplift
- DRUG ALERT CLASS 4

Action **Community Pharmacy changes in provision of Vitamin D supplements for pregnant women, breastfeeding women and children under 3 years old in NHS GGC**



Vit D CP Briefing.pdf

From 1st April 2021 all breastfeeding women and children under 3 years old in NHS GGC have been eligible for a free Vitamin D supplement

This replaces Healthy Start provision from pharmacies (although Healthy Start tablets will still be supplied to pregnant women by maternity services).

All breastfeeding women will be provided with one bottle of Pro Health vitamin D tablets from their maternity unit. **Subsequent supplies will be obtained from community pharmacies via UCF free of charge.**

All children under 3 years old are eligible to receive Pro Health vitamin D drops free of charge from community pharmacies via UCF. Children having more than 500mls (around 1 pint) of formula milk do **not** need vitamin D supplements as formula milk is fortified with Vit D3.

To supply the Pro Health Vitamin D products please create a UCF using the UCF option 'Health Board Local Service'

The Pro Health products are available from Alliance Health Care and A.A.H.

Product	Strength	Pack size	Suggested Retail Price
Pro Health Vitamin D3 Oral Drops	10mcg/ml	120ml	For sale for children over 3 years £4.07
Pro Health Vitamin D3 Tablets	10mcg	120	£3.58

Further details are provided in the information attached.

For any queries or further supplies of resources to promote this service contact the **Pharmacy Public Health Improvement Team** at:

Tel: 0141 201 4945, Email: pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk - 13.07.21

Action	Chloramphenicol Eye Drops
	<p>Recently advice was given that chloramphenicol eye drops should not be used in children under 2 years old as there was a concern around impact on future fertility. The MHRA have since reviewed the evidence and now recommend that they can be safely used. Please see the link for more information.</p> <p>Pamela Macintyre Pharmacist Pharmacy Services 12.07.21</p>

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REMINDER	Review of new resource hub - Dietetics COVID-19 knowledge hub: about us
	<p>We are a collaboration funded by the British Dietetic Association (BDA) to formulate, from experience and available evidence, a toolkit for the nutritional care of adults leaving acute care after Covid-19 infection.</p> <p>In response to our research, we have developed a virtual knowledge hub to provide appraised and updated information mapping out nutritional support for Covid-19 recovery: www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/dietetics-and-health/covid-knowledge-hub</p>

The information is organised in two parts; one targeting patients and one for professionals. Each section starts with the relevant consensus statements generated by the expert panels, which guided the content.

If you have experience in caring for patients recovering from covid-19 and are able to undertake this review by **Monday 19th of July**, please get in touch. We will reimburse you £150 for your time, estimating it will take between 3-5 hours. If you are interested in this opportunity please email:

Abigail Tronco Hernandez - Abigail.troncohernandez@plymouth.ac.uk

Research Fellow in the School of Health Professions, University of Plymouth

6.7.2021

REMINDER

Unscheduled Care - PGD Version 28 – May 2021



PGD v28 (May 2021).pdf



What's New V28.pdf



Individual signing sheet v28.pdf



Direct Referral contact numbers OOF

We have been asked by NHS 24 to advise you that the National PGD for Urgent Provision of Current Prescribed Medicines, Appliances and ACBS products has been updated to version 28. This is now ONLY available electronically via the NHS Scotland Community Pharmacy internet site:

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

Please can you ensure that all pharmacy staff read the updates on the website. For an overview and explanation of the changes please review the “**What’s new**” section.



Please ensure that all pharmacists read the new version of the PGD and complete **the individual authorisation**. Once signed, the individual authorisation form should be returned for the attention of Karen Armstrong by post to Pharmacy Services, Clarkston Court, 56 Busby Road, Glasgow, G76 7AT or email ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot. Please note that all pharmacists, managers, relief managers and locum pharmacists must sign and return this form for any supply they make on a UCF/CP4 form under the PGD to be legal.

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22.06.21

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- **UPDATED EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS**

Action	Chloramphenicol 0.5% eye drops - safety alert in children < 2 years
	<p>In April 2021 interim advice was communicated on a potential safety issue with the use of chloramphenicol eye drops 0.5% containing boric acid This advice followed a European Medicines Agency (EMA) recommendation contraindicating used in children <2years old due to an associated risk of infertility.</p> <p>There was a lack of clarity regarding this contra-indication and at the time the MHRA advised they were considering the available evidence in collaboration with specialists. The MHRA have now published safety advice concluding that the potential benefits of use outweigh the risks. <u>Chloramphenicol eye drops 0.5% can be used in children under 2 years where antibiotic treatment is indicated.</u></p> <p>Assessment:</p> <p>Based on experience and available evidence, the MHRA in conjunction with experts from the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOP), the College of Optometrists and the Paediatric Medicines Expert Advisory Group have drawn the following conclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMA ‘permitted daily exposure’ limits are not relevant to children aged 0-2years • The assumption of potential risk to future fertility is hypothetical and not supported by data in human children. • Calculated levels of boron are an overestimate based on drop content, volume of the conjunctival sac and standard dosing regimen (1 drop each eye 3-4 times per day) <p><i>Note:</i> Theoretically, higher dosing regimens (every 2 hours) will cause exposure greater than 1mg/day, however it is accepted that adherence to such regimens is generally poor (e.g interrupted for sleep) and even where 100% adherence this treatment approach is only used short term (48-72hours).</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p>The Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland Area Drug and Therapeutics Collaborative, are in support of the MHRA recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribers are reminded that most bacterial conjunctivitis in children is self-limiting and does not require pharmacological management.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where pharmacological management is required <u>chloramphenicol eye drops 0.5% remain an important mainstay of treatment and should be offered as first line therapy.</u> <p>For further information contact the Paediatric Antimicrobial Management Team: susan.kafka@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p> <p>27.07.21</p>
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Action	Pharmacy changing Optometry prescription
	<p>The number of qualified Independent Prescribing (IP) Optometrists have increased considerably in the last few years, resulting in community pharmacies receiving an increased number of prescriptions from Optometrists. IP Optometrists can prescribe topical medications, creams, ointments and tablets.</p> <p>By far the most common are prescriptions for ocular lubricants or artificial tears. IP Optometrists have access to a wide range of artificial tears in the BNF, and many of these products may appear to be the same but have subtle differences due to the excipients involved, their method of delivery and effect on different components of the precorneal tear layer. It is also possible that when managing dry eye other types of artificial tears had already been tried and their use discontinued due to lack of effect or allergic response.</p> <p>In addition Optometrists are now managing more complex conditions and the use of one type of artificial tear or lubricant may be problematic when considered with respect to the other products in the management plan.</p> <p>Optometrists may be unaware of topical medication temporarily out of stock due to seasonal or manufacturing factors and the particular medication requested is not available at that time</p> <p>Should Community Pharmacists have difficulty with the availability of a particular type of medication prescribed by an Optometrist would they contact the prescriber to discuss a suitable alternative.</p> <p>27.07.21</p>

INFORMATION	UPDATED EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS
 <p>EWS - All HSCPs - July 2021.pdf</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>Please find attached an updated document which contains the Early Warning Systems (EWS) for each of the Board's HSCP's. A copy of this document can also be found on the Community Pharmacy Website - link below:</p> <p>rpt_EarlyWarningSystemHSCP (scot.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Please identify your pharmacy and print off the relevant cascade.</p> <p>I would like to reiterate the importance of all pharmacy staff, including locums, knowing and understanding the cascade process and what they will need to do in response to a message. It might therefore be helpful to site this document close to your main telephone.</p> <p>As a reminder, this cascade system can be started by either a Board officer or any community pharmacist. Any one initiating the system should telephone the master station clearly relaying the message that is required for circulation. The master station will start the chain of calls by telephoning the next pharmacy on the list, who will in turn, telephone the next pharmacy and so forth until the last pharmacy calls the Master Station. When the Master Station receives a call from the last pharmacy in the cascade,</p>

it should contact the person who initiated the cascade thus completing the cycle. **It is essential that pharmacies follow this cascade in the specified order** to ensure that all pharmacies receive the message and that the communication is successfully exchanged throughout each HSCP System. Closed pharmacies should be by-passed however; it would be helpful to telephone them with the message once they reopen. In these instances, please advise that you have already passed on the message to the pharmacy they were expected to contact, which will stop unnecessary calls.

If there is anything in this cascade process which is unclear or you would like to discuss further, please telephone **Bridie McCallum on 0141-201-6054** or **Michelle Cooper on 0141-201-6041**.

Trish Cawley - Contracts Co-ordinator
27.07.21

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REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

REMINDER	Chloramphenicol 0.5% eye drops - safety alert in children < 2 years
	<p>In April 2021 interim advice was communicated on a potential safety issue with the use of chloramphenicol eye drops 0.5% containing boric acid This advice followed a European Medicines Agency (EMA) recommendation contraindicating used in children <2years old due to an associated risk of infertility.</p> <p>There was a lack of clarity regarding this contra-indication and at the time the MHRA advised they were considering the available evidence in collaboration with specialists. The MHRA have now published safety advice concluding that the potential benefits of use outweigh the risks. <u>Chloramphenicol eye drops 0.5% can be used in children under 2 years where antibiotic treatment is indicated.</u></p> <p>Assessment: Based on experience and available evidence, the MHRA in conjunction with experts from the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOP), the College of Optometrists and the Paediatric Medicines Expert Advisory Group have drawn the following conclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMA ‘permitted daily exposure’ limits are not relevant to children aged 0-2years • The assumption of potential risk to future fertility is hypothetical and not supported by data in human children. • Calculated levels of boron are an overestimate based on drop content, volume of the conjunctival sac and standard dosing regimen (1 drop each eye 3-4 times per day) <p><i>Note:</i> Theoretically, higher dosing regimens (every 2 hours) will cause exposure greater than 1mg/day, however it is accepted that adherence to such regimens is generally poor (e.g interrupted for sleep) and even where 100% adherence this treatment approach is only used short term (48-72hours).</p> <p>Recommendations:The Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland Area Drug and Therapeutics Collaborative, are in support of the MHRA recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribers are reminded that most bacterial conjunctivitis in children is self-limiting and does not require pharmacological management. • Where pharmacological management is required <u>chloramphenicol eye drops 0.5% remain an important mainstay of treatment and should be offered as first line therapy.</u> <p>For further information contact the Paediatric Antimicrobial Management Team: susan.kafka@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p> <p>27.07.21</p>

REMINDER	Pharmacy changing Optometry prescription
	<p>The number of qualified Independent Prescribing (IP) Optometrists have increased considerably in the last few years, resulting in community pharmacies receiving an increased number of prescriptions from Optometrists. IP Optometrists can prescribe topical medications, creams, ointments and tablets.</p> <p>By far the most common are prescriptions for ocular lubricants or artificial tears. IP Optometrists have access to a wide range of artificial tears in the BNF, and many of these products may appear to be the same but have subtle differences due to the excipients involved, their method of delivery and effect on different components of the precorneal tear layer. It is also possible that when managing dry eye other types of artificial tears had already been tried and their use discontinued due to lack of effect or allergic response.</p> <p>In addition Optometrists are now managing more complex conditions and the use of one type of artificial tear or lubricant may be problematic when considered with respect to the other products in the management plan.</p> <p>Optometrists may be unaware of topical medication temporarily out of stock due to seasonal or manufacturing factors and the particular medication requested is not available at that time</p> <p>Should Community Pharmacists have difficulty with the availability of a particular type of medication prescribed by an Optometrist would they contact the prescriber to discuss a suitable alternative.</p> <p>27.07.21</p>

REMINDER	Additional Date: NES Common clinical conditions
	<p>Please find below the link to book onto the “common clinical conditions” training on the 26th August 2021, in Dundee.</p> <p>We appreciate timescales are tight and more courses will be put on at a range of venues as capacity for face to face permits.</p> <p>Pre-requisites are completion of consultation and core clinical skills, however if a CP has not completed the NES consultation course but undertook this at University as part of their IP, they may still apply for a place to assist in delivery of the Pharmacy First Plus service.</p> <p>https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/50297/pharmacy/clinical-skills-for-pharmacists-day-4-application-of-clinical-skills</p> <p>Rachel Bruce 20.07.21</p>

REMINDER	Unscheduled Care - PGD Version 28 – May 2021
 <p>PGD v28 (May 2021).pdf</p>  <p>What's New V28.pdf</p>	<p>We have been asked by NHS 24 to advise you that the National PGD for Urgent Provision of Current Prescribed Medicines, Appliances and ACBS products has been updated to version 28. This is now ONLY available electronically via the NHS Scotland Community Pharmacy internet site:</p> <p>https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/unscheduled-care/</p> <p>Please can you ensure that all pharmacy staff read the updates on the website. For an overview and explanation of the changes please review the “What’s new” section.</p>



Individual signing sheet v28.pdf



Direct Referral contact numbers OOI

Please ensure that all pharmacists read the new version of the PGD and complete **the individual authorisation**. Once signed, the individual authorisation form should be returned for the attention of Karen Armstrong by post to Pharmacy Services, Clarkston Court, 56 Busby Road, Glasgow, G76 7AT or email ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot. Please note that all pharmacists, managers, relief managers and locum pharmacists must sign and return this form for any supply they make on a UCF/CP4 form under the PGD to be legal.

NHS 24 would like to take this opportunity to thank contractors for their continued support in providing unscheduled care and to highlight the following points on the PGD and its use:

- Please complete the individual signing sheet and tick each board you work in. If you work in more than 3 board areas then an additional form needs to be used.
- It is also important to name the main pharmacy you work in for each board area and return to each health board you wish to use the PGD in. Contractors must ensure that at least one pharmacist names their premises or payment cannot be issued if a supply is made via the PGD.
- Pharmacists have until **Friday 30th July 2021** to sign version 28, after which payment for supply may be stopped if there are no pharmacists signed up to use the PGD in that pharmacy.
- Individual pharmacists are reminded that they must sign the most recent version of the PGD, which is now only issued once every year.
- If you do not complete and sign an individual authorisation form for each new version of the PGD, and continue to use the CPUS/CP4 forms, you will be acting illegally.

Please ensure that all locums have signed and returned the authorisation form as soon as possible and that they are aware of the direct referral process in your board area, particularly if working at the weekends, rota days and over the Bank holiday period. Please also ensure all pharmacy staff are aware of the direct referral process and the PGD, as they are often the first point of contact for many patients.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

Karen Armstrong, Contracts Administrator
22.06.21

REMINDER

PGD – PARACETAMOL V5



Paracetamol PGD (post-vacc) v5.pdf



Appendix 1. Paracetamol dosing P


Please find attached Version 5 of PGD Paracetamol Suspension (for childhood immunisation programme) and Appendix 1. These can also be found on the restricted page of our [website](#).

This has been updated due to a change in clinical guidance for very small babies. The weight of the infant now advised to be 4kg or heavier before paracetamol can be supplied as part of the PGD.

Please note this supersedes the previous version sent earlier in the year and must be signed.

Can you please read the PGD and return the signed signature sheet to this office by **Friday 6th August 2021**.

Karen Armstrong – Contracts Administrator
6.7.2021

INFORMATION	UPDATED EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS
 <p>EWS - All HSCPs - July 2021.pdf</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>Please find attached an updated document which contains the Early Warning Systems (EWS) for each of the Board's HSCP's. A copy of this document can also be found on the Community Pharmacy Website - link below:</p> <p>rpt_EarlyWarningSystemHSCP (scot.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Please identify your pharmacy and print off the relevant cascade.</p> <p>I would like to reiterate the importance of all pharmacy staff, including locums, knowing and understanding the cascade process and what they will need to do in response to a message. It might therefore be helpful to site this document close to your main telephone.</p> <p>As a reminder, this cascade system can be started by either a Board officer or any community pharmacist. Any one initiating the system should telephone the master station clearly relaying the message that is required for circulation. The master station will start the chain of calls by telephoning the next pharmacy on the list, who will in turn, telephone the next pharmacy and so forth until the last pharmacy calls the Master Station. When the Master Station receives a call from the last pharmacy in the cascade, it should contact the person who initiated the cascade thus completing the cycle. <u>It is essential that pharmacies follow this cascade in the specified order</u> to ensure that all pharmacies receive the message and that the communication is successfully exchanged throughout each HSCP System. Closed pharmacies should be by-passed however; it would be helpful to telephone them with the message once they reopen. In these instances, please advise that you have already passed on the message to the pharmacy they were expected to contact, which will stop unnecessary calls.</p> <p>If there is anything in this cascade process which is unclear or you would like to discuss further, please telephone Bridie McCallum on 0141-201-6054 or Michelle Cooper on 0141-201-6041.</p> <p>Trish Cawley - Contracts Co-ordinator 27.07.21</p>

<p>REMINDERS</p>	<p>Please find below details of issues which have appeared in recent Updates. Detailed information can be found on the Update Index by following the link below:</p> <p>https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxidex Supply Issue – 20.07.21 • ULM Omeprazole - letter of clinical need for suppliers – 20.07.21 	

Any queries should be directed to the contact provided – where no specific contact is shown, queries should be directed to ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot

Index and copies of the Communications Update documents can be found at:
<https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/>

We are keen for any feedback you have about this Update. Please submit your comments/suggestions to:
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