# Patient Group Direction for the provision of desogestrel progestogen-only pill (POP) for the purposes of Bridging Contraception to patients aged over 13 years and under 55 years from Community Pharmacy

# Patient assessment form

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| **Patient Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Date of Birth /CHI:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Patient Address (including postcode):** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **GP name and practice address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Date of assessment:** | Click or tap to enter a date. | **Patient consents to GP being informed:** | Yes  No |

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| Is patient aged between 13 and 55 years and competent to consent? | YES |  | **Proceed with consultation** | |
| NO |  | Under 13 years / Child protection issues:  **Follow local Health Board Child Protection Policies**  Not competent to consent: **Refer to appropriate practitioner** | |
| Is patient registered with a GP practice in Scotland | YES |  | **Proceed with consultation** | |
| NO |  | **Refer to appropriate practitioner to obtain supply** (e.g. local Sexual Health Services) | |
| Has patient also received EHC from you today? | YES | EHC plus bridging contraception | |  |
| NO | Bridging contraception only | |  |

## BRIDGING CONTRACEPTION

## Patient clinical picture and related appropriate actions

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| **CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSION (Proceed if all ‘NO’)** | **Yes** | **No** | **Actions** |
| Known or possible pregnancy?  If menstrual period is late, there has been a risk of pregnancy or in case of symptoms of pregnancy, pregnancy should be excluded before desogestrel is supplied.  However, if you have provided patient with EHC today for a very recent pregnancy risk, patient remains eligible for desogestrel supply using this PGD unless there are other exclusions. |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Patient already received maximum 6 month supply of desogestrel from community pharmacy? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Patient currently using regular hormonal contraception? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer  However, if next contraceptive injection is overdue or patient has run out of tablets, supply of desogestrel may be appropriate. |
| Unexplained vaginal bleeding? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Has hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients (some generic desogestrel products contain soya and/or peanut oil)? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Has experienced ill health related to previous hormonal contraception which cannot be attributed to oestrogen? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Has an underlying health condition which has been exacerbated by previous hormonal contraception use? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Has severe liver cirrhosis with abnormal LFTs or a liver tumour (adenoma or carcinoma)? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Has or had a known hormone dependent malignancy e.g. breast cancer? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| **CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSION (Proceed if all ‘NO’)** | **Yes** | **No** | **Actions** |
| Has known acute porphyria? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Currently using enzyme-inducing drugs / herbal products or within 4 weeks of stopping them – check the latest edition of the British National Formulary (BNF) [www.bnf.org](http://www.bnf.org) or individual product SPC <http://www.medicines.org.uk>, FSRH guidance and the HIV Drug Interactions website ([www.hiv-druginteractions.org](http://www.hiv-druginteractions.org))? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |
| Any bariatric or other surgery resulting in malabsorption from the gastrointestinal tract? |  |  | If YES, do not treat and refer |

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| **SUITABILITY OF DESOGESTREL?** | **Yes** | **No** | **Actions** |
| Discuss all options for contraception e.g. condoms, POP, COC, LARC (implant, IUD, injection) |  |  |  |
| Discuss the benefits of desogestrel – reduced risk of pregnancy, reduces number of appointments needed to commence effective contraception |  |  |  |
| Discuss the possible adverse effects of desogestrel   * Change of bleeding patterns (irregular/amenorrhoea) * Nausea and vomiting * Breast tenderness * Dizziness, headache, depression * Changes in body weight and libido |  |  |  |
| Date on which last menstrual period started |  |  | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| Is supply of desogestrel being introduced by ‘quick starting’? |  |  | If YES, inform patient that this is not within the SPC for desogestrel |
| Gain informed consent to treatment with desogestrel from patient |  |  | If NO, do not treat and refer |

### **Preparation options and supply method**

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| **Medicine and strength** | **Regimen** | **Supply method** |
| Desogestrel  75 microgram tablets | One tablet to be taken daily (at the same time each day) to be continued without a break between packs (3 x 28 tablets) | PGD via Sexual Health Service |

**Patient advice checklist**

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| **Advice** | **Provided**  **(tick as appropriate)** |
| Mode of action discussed?   * Primarily works by inhibiting ovulation * Also can increase viscosity of cervical mucus |  |
| Efficacy and failure rate discussed?   * If used consistently and correctly – over 99% effective * Desogestrel inhibits ovulation in 97% cycles |  |
| When to take medication discussed?   * Take at same time each day * If > 12 hours late (>36 hours since last pill) – classed as missed pill |  |
| Missed pills and emergency contraception discussed?   * Take one pill as soon as remembered * Take next pill at normal time (may mean 2 pills taken in 1 day) * Use additional precautions for 48 hours after restarting * EHC required if UPSI occurred after missed pill and within 48 hours of restarting desogestrel |  |
| Possible interactions discussed e.g. prescription medication, herbal remedies, laxatives? |  |
| Sick day rules   * Efficacy of desogestrel may be reduced if suffering from severe vomiting and/or diarrhoea * If vomiting occurs within 2 hours of taking pill, take another pill as soon as possible * If subsequent pill is missed, use additional precautions for 48 hours after resuming pill taking |  |
| Extra precautions and pregnancy test (if required) discussed?   * Additional contraception required for 2 days if desogestrel started out with first 5 days of natural menstrual cycle (‘Quick starting’) * When ‘quick starting’, pregnancy test should be performed not less than 3 weeks after last UPSI * Following use of UPA-EC, patient should wait for 5 days before starting desogestrel and use additional contraception for the first 2 days |  |
| Follow up discussed?   * 3 month supply – patient to arrange contact with GP practice /Sexual Health Services as soon as possible for continuing contraception |  |
| Sexually transmitted infections discussed and how to access screening if appropriate?   * Reminder that desogestrel does not protect from STIs * Advice on how to access condoms in local area |  |
| Written patient information issued or patient directed to online information?   * Desogestrel patient information leaflet issued * Issue ‘fpa’ Family Planning Association leaflet ‘Your guide to the progestogen only pill” (if available) * Direct to NHS Inform (via QR code if appropriate) |  |
| **PHARMACIST INFORMATION ONLY**  Has the patient said anything during the consultation which gives you concern about the possibility of non-consensual sex?   * Consider local Child Protection procedures * Signpost to relevant support networks e.g. Gender based violence teams in local Health Board |  |

**Communication**

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| **Contact made with:**  **(if patient consent obtained)** | **Details (include time and method of communication)** |
| Patient’s regular General Practice (details) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Other e.g. local Sexual Health Service | Click or tap here to enter text. |

## Details of medication supplied and pharmacist supplying under the PGD

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| Medication supplied | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| First 3 month supply |  | Second 3 month supply |  |
| Batch number and expiry | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Print name of pharmacist | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Signature of pharmacist | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| GPhC registration number | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |

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# Notification of supply from community pharmacy

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| GP name | Click or tap here to enter text. |  | Pharmacy Stamp |
| GP practice address | Click or tap here to enter text. |  |  |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |  |
| The following patient has attended this pharmacy for assessment and potential supply of desogestrel POP: | |  |
| Patient name | Click or tap here to enter text. |  |
| Date of birth/CHI | Click or tap here to enter text. |  | Pharmacist name  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Patient address | Click or tap here to enter text. |  |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |  | GPhC number Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Postcode | Click or tap here to enter text. |  | DateClick or tap to enter a date. |

Following assessment (Tick as appropriate)

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| Your patient has been given a 3 month supply of desogestrel (initial supply) |  |
| Your patient has been given a second 3 month supply of desogestrel |  |
| Your patient has been given appropriate guidance on use of this medication e.g. side effects, missed pill information |  |
| Your patient is unsuitable for treatment via PGD for the following reasons and has been referred:  Click or tap here to enter text. |  |

**\*\*\*Your patient has been advised to contact the practice for subsequent supplies of contraception.\*\*\***

You may wish to include this information in your patient records.

**Patient consent**: I can confirm that the information is a true reflection of my individual circumstances and I give my consent to allow a pharmacist working under the terms of Public Health Service to provide the most appropriate advice and/or treatment for me. I also give my permission to allow the pharmacist to pass, to my own GP, details of this consultation and any advice given or treatment provided. I have been advised that some of the information may be used to assess the uptake of the service but this will be totally anonymous and not be attributable to me.

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| Patient signature | Date |
| Click or tap to enter a date. | Click or tap to enter a date. |

This form should now be sent to the patient’s GP and a copy retained in the pharmacy