

Guide Prices for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines

Effective from 23rd February 2024, any patient presenting with a prescription for the items below, please use the prices and information below to procure and endorse unlicensed specials or imports. If you can obtain at this price or lower, you do not need to seek authorisation.

The prices on the pre-approved guide price list are to provide a maximum cost where the Board are happy to approve without prior authorisation; these do not and should not replace the invoice price submitted for payment. Pharmacy teams must ensure that the item is correctly endorsed electronically (and on paper) as per invoice price and not as listed below.

NB Updated circular in respect to Special preparations issued April 2023 - where a product is listed in Part 7S for a liquid or soft-paraffin-based product, that price applies to equivalent suspensions, solutions and products with a white or yellow soft paraffin base, respectively [PCA2023\(P\)17.pdf \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

If the guide price provided cannot be met or if the drug prescribed is not on the list below, then **authorisation will be required**. In these situations, please submit the authorisation request form and email from your NHS generic mailbox to nhsh.cpsoffice@nhs.scot

For products available from an NHS manufacturing unit, such as the Pharmaceuticals Specials Service (PSS, formerly Tayside Pharmaceuticals), no authorisation is required.

For information relating to medicines shortages, please click [here](#).

Commonly used unlicensed medicines manufacturers/suppliers contact numbers can be found on the NHS Community Pharmacy website [here](#).

Medication	Strength	Pack size	Cost expected (February 2024)
Alfentanyl Spray	5mg/5ml	1 metered dose = 140 mcgs	No authorisation required – available from Oxford Pharmacy Store
Bisoprolol	5mg/5mL	1 x 100mL	Up to £40
Co-Phenotrope tablet	2.5mg/25microgram	1x 100	Up to £55
DEKAs Plus	60ml liquid 60 Softgels 60 Chewable tablets		Up to £70
Diltiazem Cream/Ointment	2%	1 x 30g	Cream in Scottish drug tariff, no authorisation required. Ointment does not need authorisation if it can be procured at the price of the cream (in drug tariff) or less
Distigmine tablet	5mg	1 x 50	Up to £155
Disulfiram tablet	200mg	Up to 90	Up to £237.80
Fleet Bisacodyl enema	10mg/30mL	1 x 30mL	Up to £25
Guanfacine M/R Tablets	1mg	1 x 100	Up to £75

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Guanfacine M/R Tablets	2mg	1 x 100	Up to £81
Guanfacine M/R Tablets	3mg	1 x 100	Up to £81
Guanfacine M/R Tablets	4mg	1 x 100	Up to £81
Hepa-Merz Sachet	3000		Up to £1.35 per sachet
Hyoscine butylbromide oral solution	10mg/5mL	1 x 100mL	Up to £49
Hyoscine hydrobromide oral solution	300microgram/5mL	1 x 100mL	Available from PSS (formerly Tayside). Other suppliers pre-approved up to £41
Ivermectin tablets	3mg	1 x 4	Up to £105
Levomepromazine tablets	6mg	28	No authorisation required - In part 7 of Scottish Drug Tariff
Lisdexamfetamine Capsules	30mg	1 x 28	Up to £120
Lisdexamfetamine Capsules	70mg	1 x 28	Up to £280
Magnaspartate (magnesium 10mmol) Oral Powder Sachets	243mg		Ensure licensed version is used
Midazolam oro-mucosal solution Epistatus is the only brand recommended in NHS Highland for status epilepticus.	10mg/mL	1 x 5mL	All pre-filled syringes are now licensed. See Highland Formulary on TAM. To be prescribed according to the adult and paediatric epilepsy service. This 5mL preparation is usually for those patients who have frequent seizures or for doses out with the pre-filled syringe sizes. Up to £155
Morphine Sulfate in Intravite prefilled syringe Morphine Sulfate in Instillagel prefilled syringe	10mg/10ml 10mg/10ml		No authorisation required – available from PSS (formerly Tayside).

Medication	Strength	Pack size	Cost expected (February 2024)
Olanzapine liquid	2.5mg/5mL	1 x 100mL	For doses 5mg and over there are licensed oro-dispersible tablets. Available from PSS (formerly Tayside). Other suppliers pre-approved up to £39
Omeprazole solution (Aclomep)	20mg/5mL	1x100mL	This should only be prescribed as stated in TAM : Third-line: children under 1 year or enteral tube larger than 6 Fr gauge. First-line: enteral tube smaller than 6 Fr gauge. Up to £89
Omeprazole Sugar Free Suspension	20mg/5ml		No authorisation required for sugar free suspension as this is licensed. This should only be prescribed as stated in TAM . Cannot be used in small bore enteral tube.
Paraldehyde in olive oil rectal solution	50%	10 to 30mL	Available from NHS PPU at Stockport. Other suppliers pre-approved up to £25
Potassium chloride MR tablet	600mg	100	Up to £70
Prazosin tablet	2mg 5mg	100	Up to £90 Up to £60
Sucralfate tablet (Suspension 1g/5ml Sugar Free is licensed)	1g	40	Up to £40
Terbinafine suspension	250mg/5mL	50mL	Available from PSS (formerly Tayside). Other suppliers pre-approved up to £40

Commonly prescribed vitamins and supplements

Some of these items are not classed as medicines but fall under pay and report mechanisms. Where there is a licensed preparation, this is listed within the expected cost column. To help make things less confusing for contractors, we include these in our authorisation processes as PSD will refer contractors back to their Board for approval.

In general patients should be advised to buy vitamins and food supplements for the purpose of supplementation. They should only be prescribed for proven deficiency or for the treatment of conditions, not for supplementation.

Vitamin	Strength	Pack Size	Expected cost (February 2024)
Acetylcysteine	600mg effervescent tablets 600mg capsules	60	Licensed NACSYS Licensed preparation available
Co-enzyme Q10 capsules	100mg	60	Up to £30
Colecalciferol	400unit capsules 800unit capsules 800unit tablets 1000unit tablets/capsules 10,000unit/mL (200 unit/drop)	30 30 30 28/30 10ml	Licensed InVita Licensed product, included in SDT Licensed product, included in SDT Licensed Stexerol D3 or Aviticol Licensed Thorens See formulary
Ergocalciferol	All strengths	-	Not recommended. Use colecalciferol instead
Magnesium Glycerophosphate	4mmol chewable tablets	50	Licensed Neomag. Can be chewed or swallowed
Vitamin E	75 unit capsules 200 unit	100 100	£8.99 £14.99
Vitamin B2, Riboflavin	50mg capsules 100mg capsules 100mg MR tablets	100 100 60	£8.50 £12.00 £12.00