

National PGD for Urgent Supply of Medicines, Appliances and ACBS Products (Unscheduled Care PGD)

WHAT'S NEW v32 UPDATE

Unscheduled Care PGD (UC PGD) v32 has an extended expiry date

The UC PGD validity has now been extended to cover a 2½ year period (from April 2025 until October 2027) which means you only need to sign the UC PGD every 2 years from now on, rather than annually. The Medicines A-Z Look-up List will continue to be updated every year around April time, and will appear on the NHS Scotland Community Pharmacy [website](#). It will also be sent to Boards for onwards cascade to community pharmacists. Please make sure you are using the most up-to-date version which will always be found on the website.

Revised format of the National UC PGD

The revised format of the UC PGD introduced last year allows future updates of the UC PGD to be made against the electronic version of the BNF rather than the print version. The introduction of a Medicines A-Z Look-up List to be used alongside the UC PGD identifies those medicines that can be supplied under the PGD, and those that cannot. The UC PGD covers supply of appliances and ACBS products too, which are not included in the Medicines A-Z Look-up List, therefore allowable supply of these type of products can be found in the appropriate section(s) of the Scottish Drug Tariff (see UC PGD schedules 17 and 18).

REMEMBER, it is a legal requirement for the UC PGD to be signed before use.

Using the Medicines A-Z Look-up List

The Look-up List is ordered A-Z for all medicines listed in the BNF at the time of list production, and all medicines are listed by generic name only. The left-hand column shows the generic medicine name and the right-hand column contains information on whether the medicine can (GREEN) or cannot (RED) be supplied under the UC PGD. Where a medicine is coloured AMBER this is to highlight that not all formulations can be supplied and/or not all indications are covered. In these cases additional information is provided to guide you on what can be supplied. An example of the Look-up List is shown overleaf.

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Acebutolol	YES
Acetoclofenac	YES
Acenocoumarol	YES
Acetazolamide	ORAL PREPARATIONS ALLOWED
Acetylcholine chloride	NO
Acetylcysteine	ORAL AND EYE PREPARATIONS ALLOWED
Aciclovir	ORAL, EYE AND TOPICAL PREPARATIONS ALLOWED
Acipimox	YES
Acitretin	YES
Acidinium bromide	YES
Acidinium bromide with formoterol	YES
Acrivastine	YES
Adalimumab	NO
Adapalene	YES
Adapalene with benzoyl peroxide	YES
Adefovir dipivoxil	NO
Adenosine	NO
Adrenaline with articaine hydrochloride	NO
Adrenaline/epinephrine	SUPPLY OF ADRENALINE FOR CARER OR SELF-ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT ANAPHYLAXIS IS ALLOWED
Afatinib	NO
Aflibercept	NO

The use of the UC PGD and Medicines A-Z Look-up List requires appropriate professional judgement, where you must consider the needs of the patient in front of you and the consequences of making or not making a supply. Where a supply cannot be made under the PGD, pharmacists should consider how to best support the patient in obtaining continued supply of their prescribed medication. This could mean referring on to another health care professional within an appropriate timeframe.

REMINDERS

Individual Authorisation Form (IAF)

When completing the IAF please add the pharmacy name and contractor code of your normal work location, tick the Health Board you work in, indicate your position within the pharmacy and send to the relevant Health Board by email or as instructed by the health board. You can use a single form for up to three Health Boards. If doing so, tick up to three boxes and send to each Board you have selected. This will ensure you are authorised to use the UC PGD in each of the Boards indicated.

Contractors: you must ensure that at least one pharmacist has named your premises on the form, or payment cannot be made for a supply under the PGD. Pharmacists have until **31st October 2025** to sign UC PGD v32 and list your pharmacy premises or future payment for supplies under the UC PGD may be affected.

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Individual pharmacists are reminded that they **must sign** the most recent version of the UC PGD. If you do not sign and email/notify the Board each time the UC PGD is issued, and continue to use the UCF forms for supply under the UC PGD, you will be acting illegally. Use your GPhC number on the IAF and on UCF forms