

Immediate Access to Emergency Medicines Summary

(link to [Herts Valleys - End of Life Care Anticipatory Prescribing Guidelines](#))

This local enhanced service is for the immediate access to specialist drugs that would not ordinarily be kept in stock, but may be required in emergency situations. This includes palliative care, bacterial meningitis prophylaxis and Tamiflu®. The main aim of the scheme is to enable palliative care patients to get quicker access to palliative care and end of life care drugs. Seven pharmacy contractors across West Hertfordshire provide this local enhanced service.

List of Specialist Medicines and Quantities for Community Pharmacies to Stock

1. Ciprofloxacin Suspension 250mg/5ml (2x100mls)
2. Tamiflu 30mg and 75mg – 3 boxes of 10 capsules of both strengths
3. Palliative Care Scheme – medicines listed below

Quantities below have been temporarily doubled, and additional drugs included during COVID-19 Pandemic.

- Codeine Linctus 15mg/5ml – Minimum quantity 5 x 200mls
 - Codeine tablets 15mg – Minimum quantity 56 tablets
 - Codeine tablets 30mg – Minimum quantity 56 tablets
 - Cyclizine injection 50mg/1ml - Minimum quantity 20 ampoules
 - Dexamethasone injection 3.3mg/1ml - Minimum quantity 10 ampoules
 - Diazepam rectal tubes 5mg/2.5ml - Minimum quantity 10 tubes
 - Diclofenac injection 75mg/3ml - Minimum quantity 20 ampoules
 - Diclofenac suppositories 100mg - Minimum quantity 20 suppositories
 - Glycopyrronium injection 200mcg/1ml - Minimum quantity 20 ampoules
 - Haloperidol injection 5mg/1ml - Minimum quantity 10 ampoules
 - Haloperidol oral solution 10mg/5ml – Minimum quantity 2 x 100mls
 - Hyoscine butylbromide (Buscopan®) injection 20mg/1ml - Minimum quantity 20 ampoules
 - Levomepromazine Injection 25mg/1ml - Minimum quantity 20 ampoules
 - Lorazepam (GENUS brand)* tablets 1mg - Minimum quantity 56 tablets
 - Metoclopramide tablets 10mg - Minimum quantity 56 tablets
 - Metoclopramide injection 10mg/2ml - Minimum quantity 40 ampoules
 - Morphine Sulphate (Oramorph®) Solution 10mg/5ml - Minimum quantity 8 x 100mls
 - Water for injection 10ml - Minimum quantity 8 x 10
 - Sodium chloride 0.9% solution for injection - Minimum quantity 8 x 10ml
- *GENUS brand to be specified as known to dissolve sublingually

Controlled Drugs

- Midazolam injection 10mg/2ml - Minimum quantity 20 ampoules
- Morphine sulphate injection 10mg/1ml - Minimum quantity 40 ampoules
- Morphine sulphate injection 30mg/1ml - Minimum quantity 40 ampoules
- Morphine sulphate immediate-release 10mg – Minimum quantity 56 (or 60)
- Morphine sulphate modified-release 5mg – Minimum quantity 56 (or 60)
- Morphine sulphate concentrated solution 100mg/5ml - Minimum quantity 4 x 30mls
- Oxycodone (OxyNorm®) capsules 5mg - Minimum quantity 112 capsules
- Oxycodone injection 10mg/1ml - Minimum quantity 10 ampoules

Participating Pharmacies in West Hertfordshire

Pharmacy	Town	Contact Details	Opening Hours
Quadrant Pharmacy 17 The Quadrant AL4 9RB	St Albans	01727 851013 nhspharmacy.marshalswicklane.quadrantpharmacyfj291@nhs.net	Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday 9am - 5.30pm
Lloyds Pharmacy in Sainsbury's Dome RO North Western Avenue WD25 9JS	Watford	01923 689358 nhspharmacy.domeroundabout.lloydspharmacyfj73@nhs.net	Monday to Friday 7am - 11pm Saturday 7am - 10pm Sunday 10am - 4pm
Boots, Waterfields Shopping Park New Road WD17 2EU	Watford	01923 255948 ext 3 nhspharmacy.watfordwaterfields.bootsf141@nhs.net	Mon to Sat 8am – midnight Sunday 11am - 5pm
Parade Pharmacy 18 Main Parade WD3 5RB	Chorleywood	01923 283449 nhspharmacy.cwood.paradepharmacyfaj78@nhs.net	Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday 9am - 5pm
Bennetts End Pharmacy Bennetts End Surgery Gatecroft HP3 9LY	Hemel Hempstead	01442 268696 nhspharmacy.hemel.bennettsendpharmacyfl144@nhs.net	Monday to Friday 8am - 11pm Saturday & Sunday 8.30am - 9pm
Boots, Borehamwood Retail Park Shenley Rd WD6 4PR	Borehamwood	0208 9531401 ext 3 nhspharmacy.borehamwood.bootsfg233@nhs.net	Monday to Friday 8am - 8pm Saturday 8am - 6pm Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm
Jade Pharmacy Parkbury House Surgery St.Peters Street AL1 3HD	St Albans	01727 862857 nhspharmacy.stalbans.jadepharmacyparkburfx119@nhs.net	Monday to Friday 7am – 10 pm Saturday 8am – 9pm Sunday 9 am – 9 pm

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