



Dressings Formulary Update

The updated Dressings Formulary is available on the Primary Care Portal, under Medicines Optimisation and Formulary. Changes to the most commonly used brands are listed below:

Dressing category	New formulary brand	Replaces former brand(s)
Bandages	Ultra Lite	Hospilite
Super absorbents	Zetuvit Plus	Eclipse
Island Adherent Dressing – film	Hydrofilm + pad	Tegaderm + pad
Skin protection	Medi Derma S barrier cream and barrier film	Cavilon, Cutimed
Hydrogel	Purilon	Aquafoam
Compression bandages - components	Ultra Lite Ultra Plus Ultra Soft	Hospilite K Plus K soft
Hydrofibre	Aquacel Extra	Aquacel
Dressing pads	Bastos Veigas (sterile)	Zetuvit
Tubular bandages	Clinifast	Comfast
Tapes – soft cloth	Hypafix	Mefix

The vast majority of dressings listed can be ordered via ONPOS. This facility is available to GP practices, community nurses and nursing homes. ONPOS is the preferred method of ordering as it is not necessary for the items to be prescribed on an FP10 and it enables packs of dressings to be held as “stock” items. Individual dressings can then be supplied to patients as needed. Dressings prescribed via FP10 can be ordered as individual sealed packets but community pharmacists will often request that a full pack is prescribed so that they do not get left with miscellaneous part packs that may never be used up. For this reason, it is preferable to use the ONPOS ordering system where possible.

Antimicrobial dressings (blue section of formulary, categories 21 – 27) are **not** available to order via ONPOS (except for Cutimed Sorbact Swab & Inadine); these, and other non-ONPOS dressings, can be ordered via FP10. Antimicrobial dressings should only be considered for the short-term treatment of patients with infected wounds or if advised by a specialist e.g. TVN, Podiatry, Vascular team and they must be reviewed no less frequently than every 2 weeks.

This edition is also available on GP Portal via the following link
<http://gp.neneccg.nhs.uk/> and <http://gp.corbyccg.nhs.uk/>

Disclaimer

Information in this newsletter is believed to be accurate and true. NHS Nene CCG and NHS Corby CCG employees accept no liability for loss of any nature, to persons, organisations or institutions that may arise as a result of any errors or omissions.