

Dispensing and Supply News

Our Dispensing and Supply Team highlights the latest news, information and guidance that community pharmacy teams should be aware of.



Parents and carers advised to inspect Buccolam oral syringes before use

The European Medicines Agency has advised that pharmacists who prescribe and dispense Buccolam (midazolam) oromucosal solution pre-filled plastic syringes speak to parents/carers about the need to inspect the syringes before use.

In a small number of cases, the translucent (white) tip-cap can sometimes remain attached to the syringe after the red cap has been pulled off, therefore presenting a choking hazard. The manufacturer Shire has distributed information explaining the defect and giving practical steps to follow. Read the communication from Shire at: ow.ly/Qdpv30hPRL0

NHS BSA 2018 open days

The NHS Business Services Authority

(NHS BSA) holds open days for pharmacy staff to visit and find out more about the process for pricing prescriptions. Anyone involved in the end of month process of sending prescriptions for reimbursement and remuneration would find these days useful.

Dates and times for these open days, along with booking information, can be found on our website: psnc.org.uk/nhsbsa. NHS BSA has advised that pharmacy staff wanting to attend should book early as spaces are limited.

Change in distribution arrangements

Cambridge Healthcare Supplies Ltd has announced with immediate effect that it is changing the way it distributes its medicines, with products only available from a selected number of suppliers. For a list of effected products, see ow.ly/wB4830hB236

Should you have problems sourcing products, or have any questions, please contact the Cambridge Healthcare Customer Services Team on 01953 607856 or customerservices@cambridge-healthcare.co.uk

Information on medicines supply for patients

When community pharmacy teams struggle to source medicines, this can lead to queries from patients as to why there are delays. PSNC has therefore created a factsheet which provides some lines that could be used to explain the situation to patients.

The dispensing and supply factsheet is available on page 8 of this month's CPN magazine and will be available to download as a standalone sheet from the PSNC website.

Can it be dispensed on an FP10?

When pharmacy teams receive NHS prescriptions, they must check whether the items prescribed are allowed on the NHS before dispensing otherwise the pharmacy contractor may not be paid for them. Below is a list of some products that we have recently received queries about.

Product	Is the item listed in the Drug Tariff?	Is it in the blacklist?*	Does it have a 'CE' mark?	Can it be dispensed on an FP10?	Additional information
AutoSqueeze	No	n/a	Yes	No	This item is a medical device (CE marked) and is not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff.
AutoDrop	No	n/a	Yes	No	This item is a medical device (CE marked) and is not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff.
Flexitol 25% Urea Heel Balm 112g	No	n/a	Yes	No	This item is a medical device (CE marked) and is not listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff
Flexitol 25% Urea Heel Balm 200g	Yes	n/a	Yes	Yes	This item is a medical device (CE marked) and is listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff.
Flexitol 25% Urea Heel Balm 40g	Yes	n/a	Yes	Yes	This item is a medical device (CE marked) and is listed in Part IX of the Drug Tariff.

*n/a is because medical devices are not listed in the blacklist.

Please note: If the prescription is an FP10CN or FP10PN (community nurse prescriber), an FP10D (dental prescriber) or an FP10MDA (instalment dispensing), please visit psnc.org.uk/prescriptionforms for more information.

Ask PSNC

The PSNC Dispensing and Supply Team can provide pharmacy teams with support and advice on a range of topics related to the Drug Tariff and reimbursement. Questions asked in recent months have included:

Q. I have been presented with a prescription for Norethisterone 350microgram tablets which has not been endorsed "CC" by the prescriber. This item is not listed in Part XVI, Clause 10 of the Drug Tariff however the brand is – is this item exempt from the prescription charge as the brand is listed?

A. No. Only items listed by name in Part XVI, Clause 10 are exempt from prescription charges. The only exceptions being the following items which are automatically exempt from prescription charges:

- spermicidal gels, creams, films and aerosols;
- systemic contraceptive preparations listed in Part XVI; and
- contraceptive devices listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff.

Where an item is not listed in Part XVI, Clause 10 or does not meet the above criteria for automatic exemption the prescription must be annotated with "CC", "OC" or the female symbol (♀) to make it clear that the item is for contraceptive use.

A charge must be levied for any item not meeting the above-mentioned criteria where the patient does not have a valid exemption.

For more information, see psnc.org.uk/charges

Q. How should I endorse a prescription for a licensed medicine not listed in the Drug Tariff?

A. The following information should be included in the endorsement:

- Pack size — where there are multiple pack sizes available; and
- Brand name or manufacturer/supplier.

If the product does not have a price listed in the NHS database the Dictionary of Medicines and Devices (dm+d)*, you should also endorse net price before discount and excluding VAT.

Please note the Pricing Authority reimburses using the NHS-listed reimbursement price, but if this is not known by them (i.e. the supplier does not list the product/price on dm+d) then they will need to use your endorsed price.

It is important to only include the necessary information in line with the endorsement requirement as any additional information could risk misinterpretation which could lead to an incorrect payment being made.

*For more information on dm+d, please visit psnc.org.uk/dmd

Q. A patient has presented a non-repeatable prescription for '28 x 5mg tablets'. The 5mg strength is unavailable as it is in short supply; however, I do have '56 x 2.5mg tablets' in stock. As this is the same amount of drug (i.e. 140mg) which can be administered at the prescribed dose by doubling the number of tablets; can I dispense 56 x 2.5mg tablets against this prescription instead?

A. No. It is part of the Terms of Service that pharmacy contractors must, with reasonable promptness, "provide drugs so ordered" once a prescription has been presented. "Drugs" includes medicines e.g. the tablets. In this scenario, the patient has presented a non-repeatable prescription for 28 x 5mg tablets and therefore supplying 56 x 2.5mg tablets would not be providing the drugs "so ordered".

If you intend to dispense 56 x 2.5mg tablets then the prescription would need to be amended or a new prescription would need to be issued by the prescriber at the prescriber's discretion. It would also be essential to ensure the patient understands the different dosage to be taken if there were an amendment to their prescription.

Look out for more frequently asked questions next month...

If you would like more information on any of the topics covered, the team at PSNC will be happy to help (0203 1220 810 or e-mail info@psnc.org.uk).

Drug Tariff Watch



The Preface lists additions, deletions and alterations to the Drug Tariff. Below is a quick summary of the changes due to take place from **1st February 2018**. You may also wish to see our Dispensing Factsheet: The Drug Tariff Preface at: psnc.org.uk/dtresources

KEY:

- SC** Special container
- R** Item requiring reconstitution
- * This pack only (others already available)

Part VIIIA additions

Category C additions :

- Fentanyl 1.2mg lozenges (3) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 1.2mg lozenges (30) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 200µg lozenges (3) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 200µg lozenges (30) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 400µg lozenges (3) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 400µg lozenges (30) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 600µg lozenges (3) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 600µg lozenges (30) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 800µg lozenges (3) - Actiq
- Fentanyl 800µg lozenges (30) - Actiq
- Hydrogen peroxide 1.5% mouthwash sugar free (300ml) - Peroxyl
- Hypromellose 0.3% / Dextran '70' 0.1% eye drops **SC** (15ml) - Tears Naturale
- Hypromellose 0.3% / Dextran '70' 0.1% eye drops 0.4ml unit dose preservative free (28 (7x**SC**4)) - Tears Naturale
- Hypromellose 0.32% eye drops **SC** (10ml) - Artelac
- Lidocaine 10% spray sugar free **SC** (50ml) - Xylocaine
- Liquid paraffin light 70% gel **SC** (150g) - Oilatum shower gel fragrance free
- Methotrexate 10mg/0.2ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Methotrexate 12.5mg/0.25ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Methotrexate 15mg/0.3ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Methotrexate 17.5mg/0.35ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN

- Methotrexate 20mg/0.4ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Methotrexate 22.5mg/0.45ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Methotrexate 25mg/0.5ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Methotrexate 27.5mg/0.55ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Methotrexate 30mg/0.6ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Methotrexate 7.5mg/0.15ml solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices **SC** (1) - Metoject PEN
- Morphine 120mg modified-release capsules (28) - MXL
- Morphine 150mg modified-release capsules (28) - MXL
- Morphine 90mg modified-release capsules (28) - MXL
- Moxifloxacin 0.5% eye drops **SC** (5ml) - Moxivig
- Octreotide 10mg powder and solvent for suspension for injection vials **SC** (1) - Sandostatin LAR
- Octreotide 20mg powder and solvent for suspension for injection vials **SC** (1) - Sandostatin LAR
- Octreotide 30mg powder and solvent for suspension for injection vials **SC** (1) - Sandostatin LAR
- Potassium citrate 1.5g / Citric acid 250mg effervescent tablets sugar free **SC** (12) -

- Effercitrate
- Sodium cromoglicate 5mg/dose inhaler CFC free **SC** (112) dose - Intal
- Tazarotene 0.05% gel **SC** (30g) - Zorac
- Tazarotene 0.1% gel **SC** (30g) - Zorac
- Terbinafine 1% gel **SC** (15g) - Lamisil AT
- Terbinafine 1% solution **SC** (4g) - Lamisil Once
- Tetracaine 0.5% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose preservative free (20) - Minimis
- Tetracaine 1% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose preservative free (20) - Minimis
- White soft paraffin 15% / Liquid paraffin 6% cream **SC** (50g) - Emcrem
- White soft paraffin 15% / Liquid paraffin 6% cream **SC** (500g) - Emcrem

Part VIIIA amendments

- Atropine 600microgram tablets (28) is changing to Category C - Wockhardt UK Ltd
- Gliclazide 40mg tablets (28) - Zicron is changing to Category A
- Morphine sulfate 10mg suppositories (12) is changing to Category C - Alliance Healthcare (Distribution) Ltd
- Quinapril 10mg tablets (28) is changing to Category C - Accupro
- Quinapril 5mg tablets (28) is changing to Category C - Accupro

Part VIIIA deletions

- Haloperidol 20mg tablets (28) - Category A
- Morphine sulfate 15mg suppositories (12) - Category A
- Morphine sulfate 30mg suppositories (12) - Category A

Changes to the monthly NUMSAS claims process

As part of the preparations to extend the NHS Urgent Medicines Supply Advanced Service (NUMSAS) pilot to the end of September 2018, NHS England has worked with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) to review how NUMSAS claims are submitted at the end of each month.

NUMSAS claims by completing the existing NUMSAS claim form, placing it along with the FP10DT EPS dispensing tokens (completed as part of the NUMSAS) in an envelope clearly marked 'NUMSAS', and sending the envelope to the NHS BSA with the normal monthly submission bundle.

Community pharmacy contractors can now send completed

For further instructions, please visit: ow.ly/RzvE30hJCLx

Part IX deletions

It is important to take careful note of removals from Part IX because if you dispense a deleted product, prescriptions will be returned as disallowed and therefore payment will not be made for dispensing the item.

Product	Size, type and product code
Teleflex catheter - RüsCh PTFE AquaFlate. PTFE Coated Latex with sterile water filled syringe for balloon inflation and empty syringe for balloon deflation	Male, 10ml 20-24Ch (DP310120 - DP310124) and Female, 10ml 20-24Ch (DP210120 - DP210124)
AdvaBond silicone glue	AS3896
Biotrol Waist Belt	F00780E
Biotrol Elite bag with filter, skin protector adhesive, fabric backing	Beige - 70mm (36-870) All Transparent (30-845, 30-850, 30-860 and 30-870) White - 45mm and 70mm (30-845 and 30-870)
Elite Petite bag with filter, skin protector adhesive, fabric backing	Beige - 25mm and 45mm (37-325 and 37-345)
Integrale bag with filter & skin protector adhesive	White - starter hole, 50mm, 60mm and 70mm (32-415, 32-450, 32-460 and 32-470)
Preference bag with filter, skin protector adhesive, fabric backing	All Beige (36-615, 36-625, 36-630, 36-635, 36-640, 36-645, 36-650 and 36-660) White - 25mm, 35mm, 40mm, 45mm, 50mm and 60mm (32-625, 32-635, 32-640, 32-645, 32-650 and 32-660)
Almays Preference Closed bag with filter, skin protector and microporous adhesive and all over soft non-woven cover	Transparent - starter hole (F018310E) Beige - 25mm, 30mm, 40mm, 45mm and 50mm (F008325E, F008330E, F008340E, F008345E and F008350E)
Almays Quiet Closed bag with filter and all over soft non-woven cover	Beige - 25mm, 30mm, 35mm, 40mm and 50mm (F008125E, F008130E, F008135E, F008140E and F008150E)
Almays Optima Drainable bag with all over soft non-woven cover	All Beige (F008745E, F008750E and F008760E)
Almays Optima Drainable bag with filter and soft cover	All Transparent (F019510E) and All Beige (F009530E, F009540E, F009545E, F009550E and F009560E)
Elite bag with skin protector adhesive and fabric backing	All Beige (38-845, 38-860 and 38-870) All Transparent (31-820, 31-825, 31-830, 31-835, 31-840, 31-845, 31-850, 31-860 and 31-870) All White (34-850, 34-860 and 34-870)
Elite Petite bag with skin protector adhesive and fabric backing	All Beige (37-740 and 37-745)
Preference Bag with skin protector, microporous adhesive and fabric backing	All Beige (34-615, 34-620, 34-630, 34-635, 34-640, 34-645, 34-650 and 34-660)
Biotrol Skin Protectors	10cm diam (32-076)
Almays Twin + Convex Base Plate	40mm/17mm (036342E) and 60mm/40mm (036363E)
Almays Twin + Closed Pouch with filter and protective cover	All Transparent (037340E, 037350E, 037360E and 037380E)
Biotrol Urostomy Bag	All Transparent - child 35mm (23-935), 35mm (22-635) and 75mm (22-775)
Biotrol LockRing 2 Hydrocolloid Flange	50mm, 62mm and 75mm (24-250, 24-262 and 24-275)
Biotrol LockRing 2 Closed Bag	Beige - 62mm (22-862)
Biotrol LockRing 2 Drainable Bag	Beige - 75mm (22-575), White - 35mm (22-435) and Transparent - 75mm (22-475)



PSNC regularly sends emails with important information such as service announcements and NCSO/concession alerts. Contractors should ensure they and their teams are signed up to receive these emails. Sign up now at: psnc.org.uk/enews