

Medicines Matters

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Updates to the Lancashire and South Cumbria net Formulary 19.06.25 – 16.07.25

Updated Pathways and Guidelines

Good prescribing guidance v3.0 - updated

COPD Desktop Guideline v1.9.1 – updated

Private prescribing: Patients presenting at an NHS GP practice following a private episode of care: summary of prescribing guidance.

Guideline for Antihyperglycaemic Therapy in adults with type 2 diabetes updated v1.11 -updated

Position Statements

Safety Needles Position Statement – June 25

RED RAG rating: *Specialist medicine not recommended for prescribing in primary care*

Potassium citrate (high strength): stone prophylaxis

Albendazole: Hookworm infection, unlicensed use.

Paromomycin: Luminal agent for liver abscess. On advice of Microbiology only, unlicensed use

Blinatumomab: Philadelphia chromosome-negative CD19-positive minimal residual disease-negative B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

Lisocabtagene maraleucel: relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma after first-line chemoimmunotherapy when a stem cell transplant is suitable

Artesunate injection: antimalarial (Consultant Microbiologist request only)

Sodium Valproate: Links added to net formulary

Ferric derisomaltose: iron replacement. Brand name update on net Formulary

AMBER 0 RAG rating: *Suitable for prescribing in primary care or following recommendation or initiation by a specialist*

Vitamin B complex: post-gastric bypass – all other indications **Do Not Prescribe**

Sodium Valproate: Links added to net formulary

Other useful links to sections on net Formulary

All Pathways and Guidance

Position Statements

Palliative Care Formulary

Shared Care Guidelines

LSC Respiratory Resources