

Medicines Matters

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The following new content has been uploaded to the Medicines Optimisation site on the Primary Care intranet up to the date of this circulation and can be accessed here [Medicines optimisation – Lancashire and South Cumbria Primary Care Intranet](#)

[Prescribing guidance – Lancashire and South Cumbria Primary Care Intranet](#)

- **Medicines Matters bulletin issue 19** - Best value DOAC for stroke prevention August 2025.
- **Medicines Matters bulletin issue 20** - National patient safety alert Shortage of antimicrobial agents used in TB treatment August 2025.
- **Medicines Matters bulletin issue 21** – Keeping insulin treatment safe and effective August 2025_
Medicines Matters bulletin issue 21 - associated EMIS search to help identify patients prescribed Tresiba and Toujeo insulin.
- **Medicine Matters bulletin issue 22** - Formulary update August 2025 v1

[Medicines Safety](#)

- **Insulin**
Safer use of insulin - The L&SC Medicines Optimisation team have developed support materials for healthcare professionals to increase awareness of the risks associated with insulin and to raise awareness of best practice. Also Includes advice for practices, additional resources and links to learning material.
- **Topiramate**
Introduction of new safety measures, including a Pregnancy Prevention Programme - To support practices in actioning this safety alert, the L&SC Medicines Optimisation team have developed an EMIS search and additional support materials for practices to use. Also includes additional advice for GP practices.
- **Propranolol**
The potential under-recognised risk of harm and toxicity of propranolol in overdose - The L&SC Medicines Optimisation team have developed an EMIS search and additional support materials to increase awareness of the risks and to support practices in identifying patients at risk of (accidental) overdose. Also includes additional advice for practices, resources and guidance.
- **Medroxyprogesterone**
Risk of meningioma and measures to minimise this risk - To increase the awareness of this risk, the L&SC Medicines Optimisation team have developed an EMIS search and additional support materials for practices to use. Also includes additional advice for GP practices and links to additional resources.