Medicines Matters





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Updates to the Lancashire and South Cumbria net Formulary 26.04.25 – 29.05.25

Guideline updates:

Erectile Dysfunction Guideline - updated

Tirzepatide Position Statement updates - Lancashire and South Cumbria Formulary

Quick Reference Guide: Shared Care Monitoring Requirements – new guideline added

Topiramate Guidance: Epilepsy/migraine - new guideline added

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

Belumosudil: Treatment of chronic graft-versus-host disease after 2 or more systemic treatments in people 12 years and over.

Vamorolone: Treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy in people 4 years and over.

Efanesoctocog alfa: treating and preventing bleeding episodes in haemophilia A in people 2 years and over.

Hydroxycarbamide: for the management of haematological myeloproliferative disorders. (*Amber 1 in Morecambe Bay only)

Leniolisib phosphate: Treatment of activated phosphoinositide 3-kinase delta syndrome in people 12 years and over.

Durvalumab: Treatment of resectable non-small-cell lung cancer.

Olaparib: BRCA mutation positive HER2-negative advanced breast cancer after chemotherapy.

Lomitapide: Treatment of homozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia (adults).

Vadadustat: Symptomatic anaemia in adults having dialysis for chronic kidney disease.

AMBER 1 RAG rating: (with shared care): Suitable for prescribing in primary care following recommendation or initiation by a specialist.

Hydroxycarbamide: for the management of haematological myeloproliferative disorders. (Morecambe Bay only)

GREEN RAG rated: suitable for initiation and ongoing prescribing in primary and secondary care

Acetylcysteine: Treatment of COPD (for 600mg effervescent tablets sugar free only).

GREY RAG rated: Medicines which have not yet been reviewed or are under the review process. GPs and specialists are recommended not to prescribe these drugs. This category includes drugs where funding has not yet been agreed.

Fezolinetant: Vasomotor symptoms associated with menopause

New chapters live on netformulary

The 'Nutrition and blood' chapter is now live.

The 'Palliative Care Formulary' chapter is now live.