

Medicines Matters

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Updates to the Lancashire and South Cumbria net Formulary 30.5.25 - 18.06.25

Guideline updates:

Lipid guideline: [updated](#)

Guideline for Antihyperglycaemic Therapy in adults with type 2 diabetes: [updated](#)

'What you need to know about anticholinergic medications' – [guideline added](#)

Enhanced Supportive Kidney Care Guideline: [guideline added](#)

Opioid Treatment: [patient-prescriber opioid treatment agreement](#)

Asthma adult guideline: [updated](#)

Infant formula feeding guidance: [Guidance for infants with intolerance/allergies](#)

Diabetes documents:

- [GLP-1 agreement form](#)
- [Position Statement Safety Needles](#)
- [Diabetes Pen needles/Lancets](#)
- [Choice of Safety Pen Needles and Lancets](#)

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

Progesterone (Prometrium): Recurrent miscarriage

Insulin diluting media: diabetes

Osimertinib: adjuvant treatment of EGFR mutation-+ve non-small-cell lung cancer after complete tumour resection

Tenofovir alafenamide: HIV infection

Molnupiravir: For treating COVID-19

AMBER 1 RAG rating: *(with shared care): Suitable for prescribing in primary care or following specialist*

Denosumab 120mg (XGEVA): continue supply and administering of denosumab 120mg in primary care until new commissioning arrangements are in place.

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

Dapoxetine: premature ejaculation

Nefopam: [Pain \(non-palliative\)](#)

Ivermectin: [For other indications when recommended by microbiology.](#) (Remains GREEN in accordance with the Lancashire and South Cumbria operational clinical pathway for outbreaks in care homes and closed settings.

Relugolix–estradiol–norethisterone: Treating symptoms of endometriosis

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

Drospirenone: Contraception (oral progestogen-only)

GREEN restricted RAG rated: *Appropriate for initiation and ongoing prescribing in both primary and secondary care provided additional criteria specific to the medicine or device are met, or the medicine is used as described the relevant LSCMMG pathway.*

Cytisine: Nicotine dependance

Bismuth subsalicylate: H Pylori eradication

DO NOT PRESCRIBE: *Do not prescribe: NOT recommended for use by the NHS in Lancashire and South Cumbria.*

Finasteride: post hair transplant, Alopecia

Minoxidil solution and foam: Treatment of Alopecia