

Medicines Matters

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Updates to the Lancashire and South Cumbria net Formulary 17.07.25 – 28.08.25

Updated Pathways and Guidelines

Fentanyl Patch Guide for patients v1.0 - [added](#)

Critical care monographs v9.0 - [updated](#)

Preterm birth guidance v2.1 - [updated](#)

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

Demeclocycline: Treatment of SIADH (unlicensed use if not secondary to malignant disease)

Sodium Hyaluronate, co-enzyme Q10 0.1%, vitamin E 0.5% (VisuXL®). Rag specific to this brand, hospital use only.

Somapacitan: Treatment of growth hormone deficiency in people aged 3 to 17 years

Spesolimab: Treatment of generalized pustular psoriasis flares

Sparsentan: Treatment of primary IgA nephropathy

Deutivacaftor, tezacaftor, vanzacaftor (Alyftrek®): Treatment of cystic fibrosis

Nirsevimab (Beyfortus®): Treatment of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Atezolizumab (Tecentriq®) Adjuvant treatment of resected non-small-cell lung cancer: NICE TA1071

Fruquintinib (Fruzaqla®): Previously treated metastatic colorectal cancer: NICE TA1079

Rucaparib (Rubraca®): Maintenance treatment of advanced ovarian/fallopian tube & peritoneal cancer: NICE TA1055

Dexamethasone with Neomycin and Polymyxin B sulphate eye ointment (Maxitrol®): Short-term treatment of steroid responsive conditions of the eye when prophylactic antibiotic treatment is also required.

Actimorph orodispersible tablets: Use post-surgery, Red Rag for this specific formulation/indication. (Remains green Rag, [Palliative use](#))

Emicizumab (Hemlibra®): prophylaxis for bleeding episodes in people with moderate haemophilia A without inhibitors (all ages)

Pentoxifylline MR tablets: Osteonecrosis of the jaw (unlicensed use)

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

Dienogest: Treatment of endometriosis

Nadolol: Treatment of Arrhythmias

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

Sodium chloride oral solution: Treatment of hyponatraemia in babies

Lidocaine 5% ointment: for local anaesthesia

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.*

Balneum plus cream: use restricted to CKD-associated pruritus

Fentanyl sublingual tablets: Pain in palliative care