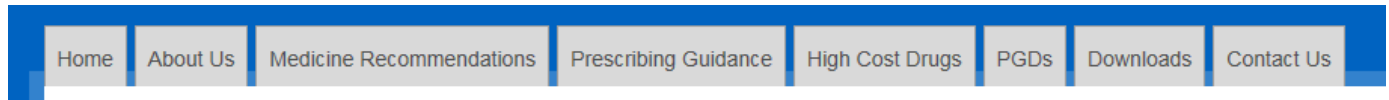




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### How to navigate the Lancashire Medicines Management Group (LMMG) website



#### 1. Medicines Recommendations.

LMMG rates a drug with a specific colour classification.

- **Green** - Appropriate for initiation and ongoing prescribing in both primary and secondary care
- **Amber 0** - Suitable for prescribing following recommendation or initiation by a specialist. Little/no monitoring required.
- **Amber 1** - Suitable for prescribing following recommendation or initiation by a specialist under a **shared care** agreement. Minimal monitoring required.
- **Amber 2** - Initiated by specialist and transferred to primary care following a successful initiation period, under a shared care/enhanced service. Significant monitoring required on an on-going basis.
- **Red** - Medicine is supplied by the hospital for the duration of the treatment course. **Do not prescribe.**
- **Grey** - Medicines which have not yet been reviewed/are under the review process. **Do not prescribe.**
- **Black** - **NOT** recommended for use by the NHS in Lancashire. **Do not prescribe.**

**Please note a drug may have more than one classification depending on the indication for which it is used.**

Pregabalin is **GREEN** for neuropathic pain (following LMMG guidelines)  
Pregabalin is **BLACK** for generalised anxiety disorder.

#### 2. Prescribing Guidance

- ❖ LMMG Guidelines on various topics such as Asthma, COPD, Stroke, Non Cancer Pain, Dementia.
- ❖ Patient Information Leaflets such as Vitamin D therapy and Neuropathic Pain.
- ❖ Position Statements on the prescribing of generic biosimilars, E Cigarettes, Melatonin and Vitamins & Minerals.
- ❖ Shared care guidelines such as ADHD, Antipsychotics and several disease modifying agents (DMARD's).

#### 3. High Cost Drugs

Information on the CCG funding position for high cost drugs, NHS England commissioned drugs and the Cancer Drugs Fund.

#### 4. Patient Group Directions (PGDs)

Vaccine and Immunisation PGDs such as MMR, Shingles, Rotavirus and Seasonal Influenza.  
The PGDs listed are unsigned and are available for information purposes and for their clinical content only.

#### 5. Downloads

New medicine application forms and minutes of monthly LMMG meetings.

The LMMG website can be accessed from SharePoint <http://ccg.centrallancashire.nhs.uk/mmopt/SitePages/Home.aspx> or directly from <http://www.lancsmmg.nhs.uk/>.

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