

Prescribing tip for information



SPS Guidance: Injectable Medicines Commonly Prescribed in Primary Care during COVID-19

UK Medicines Information's Specialist Pharmacy Service has produced updated guidance regarding the use of injectable medicines commonly prescribed in primary care during COVID-19.¹

The service has identified the top five most commonly prescribed injectable medicines in primary care and then produced guidance signposting to existing resources or put together their own advice on best management of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The objective of this work is to:

- protect patients from unnecessary health care visits,
- to help preserve NHS capacity and
- to provide management options where patients need to self-isolate or shield.

UKMI note that, "No advice in this area can provide a definitive treatment strategy and care will need to be individualised; however, where we can we have tried to be as directive as possible. The advice has been developed quickly in response to the pandemic, so if you spot anything that's wrong please [report a concern to us](#)".

Advice on individual medicines can be found as below:

- **Corticosteroid injections** - [Read our summarised advice](#)
- **Depot anti-psychotic injections** - [Read our summarised advice](#)
- **Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)** - [Read our summarised advice](#)
- **Testosterone injection** - [Read our summarised advice](#)
- **Vitamin B12 injection** - [Read our summarised advice](#)

1. <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/injectable-medicines-commonly-used-in-primary-care-during-covid-19/>
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