

Surgery Specialist formulary list







****Other indications for particular drugs may be included on completion of further specialist lists****





For information on use of unlicensed medicines or medicines used 'off-label' - [click here](#)

The following medicines are approved for prescribing by or on the recommendation of a Consultant Surgeon (for Colorectal, Upper GI or Vascular Surgery):









Rivaroxaban is included for the prevention of venous thromboembolism in specified orthopaedic patients under the direction of Orthopaedics.

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MEDICINE	SUMMARY OF RESTRICTED INDICATION	CATEGORY	PROTOCOL
Iloprost 50microgram/0.5mL concentrate for solution for infusion	Vasodilation in vascular patients	 Red	
Prucalopride tablets	Under the direction of one of the Consultant Surgeons responsible for the Pelvic floor Clinic for the symptomatic treatment of chronic constipation in adults in whom laxatives fail to provide adequate relief in accordance with the local protocol.	 Amber	Prucalopride Local Treatment Protocol (Staffnet intranet link)
Co –trimoxazole (oral)	Used alongside ursodeoxycholic acid for preventing biliary stent occlusion (long term treatment) [unlicensed use 'off-label'].	 Amber	
Gastrografin® solution	Once-only use in patients with partial or incomplete bowel obstruction who have not responded to conservative management under the direction of a Consultant Surgeon [unlicensed use 'off-label']	 Red	
Domperidone tablets, suspension	Postoperative ileus [unlicensed use 'off-label'] Gastric motility disorders [unlicensed use 'off-label'] do not use if increased gastro-intestinal motility would be harmful e.g. gastro-intestinal obstruction or gastro-intestinal perforation.	 Red  Amber	



Metoclopramide tablets, oral solution, injection	Postoperative ileus [unlicensed use 'off-label'] Gastric motility disorders [unlicensed use 'off-label'] do not use if increased gastro-intestinal motility would be harmful e.g. gastro-intestinal obstruction or gastro-intestinal perforation.	 Red  Amber	
Erythromycin tablets, oral suspension, capsules and intravenous injection.	Postoperative ileus [unlicensed use 'off-label'] Gastric motility disorders [unlicensed use 'off-label'] do not use if increased gastro-intestinal motility would be harmful e.g. gastro-intestinal obstruction or gastro-intestinal perforation.	 Red  Amber	NICE Evidence Summary: unlicensed or off-label medicine [ESUOM13] Gastroparesis in adults: oral erythromycin June 2013
Diltiazem 2% cream [unlicensed special] (made by S.L.A. Pharma AG)	Chronic anal fissure. Associated with lower risk of headache than topical glyceryl trinitrate (but limited evidence).	 Amber	NICE Evidence Summary: unlicensed or off-label medicine [ESUOM3]. Chronic anal fissure: 2% topical diltiazem hydrochloride, Jan 2013
Octreotide injection, depot injection (Sandostatin LAR®)	Management of gastrointestinal secretions [unlicensed use 'off-label'] Prevention of complications following pancreatic surgery. See Endocrinology specialist formulary list , Oncology & Haematology – non-chemo drugs specialist formulary list and Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines – Octreotide for other indications.	 Red	Tayside Treatment Protocol for use of Somatostatin analogues in neuroendocrine and pituitary tumours
Lanreotide injection (Somatuline Autogel®, Somatuline LA®)	Management of gastrointestinal secretions [unlicensed use 'off-label'] Prevention of complications following pancreatic surgery. See Endocrinology specialist formulary list and Oncology & Haematology – non-chemo drugs	 Red	

	specialist formulary list for other indications.		
Loperamide	High output stoma [unlicensed use 'off-label']- up to a maximum of 80mg/day. For doses above 16mg/day ECG monitoring is recommended every 3 years in a specialist Gastroenterology outpatient clinic.	 Amber	NHS Tayside Inpatient management of high output stoma (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only) BAPEN - The use of high dose loperamide in patients with intestinal failure, April 2018
Esomeprazole intravenous injection	IV PPI for patients Nil by Mouth (NBM)	 Red	
Esomeprazole for intravenous infusion	Prevention of re-bleeding following therapeutic endoscopy for severe bleeding gastric or duodenal ulcers	 Red	Guidance for Management of Upper GI Bleed on the Acute Medical Unit (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Forceval® capsules	Vitamin and mineral replacement following bariatric surgery. Otherwise, use 'Multivitamin and mineral' tablets (Valupak®).	 Amber	NHS Tayside Management Guidelines for Patients who have Undergone Bariatric Surgery (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Forceval Soluble® dispersible tablets	As an alternative to 'Valupak® Multivitamin and Mineral' tablets in those unable to swallow or in those who have a feeding tube in place, 1 tablet daily after a meal/feed. Note Forceval® Soluble tablets are considerably more expensive than 'Valupak® Multivitamin and Mineral' tablets.	 Amber	NHS Tayside Management Guidelines for Patients who have Undergone Bariatric Surgery (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only) NHS Tayside Prevention and management of refeeding syndrome in adults in hospital (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Magnesium Glycerophosphate (4mmol) Chewable tablets	Hypomagnesaemia due to Crohn's disease, bowel resection, intestinal failure or refeeding syndrome	 Amber	NICE Evidence Summary: unlicensed or off-label medicine [ESUOM4]. Preventing recurrent hypomagnesaemia: oral magnesium glycerophosphate, Jan 2013
Magnesium Glycerophosphate 1mmol/mL oral solution [unlicensed]		 Amber	NHS Tayside Prevention and management of refeeding syndrome in adults in hospital (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Magnesium sulphate injection	Hypomagnesaemia	 Red	
Phosphate-Sandoz® effervescent tablets	Hypophosphatemia in accordance with local guidance	 Amber	NHS Tayside Post-operative Management of Patients Undergoing Thyroid/Parathyroid Surgery (except patients with End-Stage Kidney

			Disease (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only) NHS Tayside Prevention and management of refeeding syndrome in adults in hospital (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Phosphate Polyfusor®	Hypophosphatemia in accordance with local guidance	 Red	NHS Tayside Prevention and management of refeeding syndrome in adults in hospital (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Ferric carboxymaltose (Ferinject®▼) intravenous infusion	Restricted to administration by intravenous infusion. To increase haemoglobin reserves prior to surgery in patients at risk of low haemoglobin post-op [unlicensed use 'off-label'] Treatment of iron deficiency anaemia when oral iron preparations are ineffective or cannot be used.	 Red	
Accrete D3® tablets (600mg/400IU)	Post parathyroidectomy (except patients with End-Stage Kidney Disease) in accordance with local guidance	 Amber	NHS Tayside Post-operative Management of Patients Undergoing Thyroid/Parathyroid Surgery (except patients with End-Stage Kidney Disease) (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Calcium carbonate 500mg chewable tablets	Hypocalcaemia	 Red	NHS Tayside Post-operative Management of Patients Undergoing Thyroid/Parathyroid Surgery (except patients with End-Stage Kidney Disease) (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only) NHS Tayside Prevention and management of refeeding syndrome in adults in hospital (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Calcium gluconate injection 10%	Acute management of in-patient hyperkalaemia (non-dialysis) in accordance with local guidance. Hypocalcaemia.	 Red	NHS Tayside Post-operative Management of Patients Undergoing Thyroid/Parathyroid Surgery (except patients with End-Stage Kidney Disease) (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only) NHS Tayside Prevention and management of refeeding syndrome in adults in hospital (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)
Calcium chloride injection 10% pre-filled syringe	Acute management of in-patient hyperkalaemia (non-dialysis) in accordance with local guidance.	 Red	
Pabrinex® IV High Potency injection	During the first 10 days of patients receiving parenteral nutrition	 Red	
Rivaroxaban 10mg tablets	Prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in: Patients undergoing elective THR/TKR Other indications for prescribing under the	 Red	Rivaroxaban protocol (NHS Tayside Staffnet intranet link only)

	discretion of an Orthopaedic Consultant Surgeon include: Patients undergoing revision THR or TKR surgery Patients immobilised in full leg or below knee casts (off-label use) Patients deemed at high risk of VTE who have a significant lower-limb injury who are non-weight bearing (off-label use) Patients who have had a THR to fix a #NOF at the discretion of an Orthopaedic Consultant Surgeon (off-label use)		
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Traffic light status information

 Red	To be prescribed by Hospital Specialists Only.
 Amber	Can be prescribed in General Practice under the direction of a Specialist.

For advice on antibiotic prophylaxis in General Surgery or Vascular Surgery please see NHS Tayside Guide to Antibiotic Use – [Pre- and peri-operative Surgical Prophylaxis](#).

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