

TAYSIDE PRESCRIBER

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Medicine	Indication	Local recommendation category	Comments and useful links
Azelaic acid (Finacea [®] 15% Gel)	Papulopustular rosacea	Non-formulary	2 nd -line to topical metronidazole SMC advice SPC link Local patient pathway
Buprenorphine (Butrans [®]) – <i>resubmission</i>	Severe opioid responsive pain	Not recommended	SMC advice
Dasatinib (Sprycel [®])	Chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML)	HOSPITAL ONLY (Consultants within adult haematology clinic)	SMC advice SPC link
Dasatinib (Sprycel [®])	Philadelphia chromosome +ve acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL)	Not recommended	SMC advice
Desmopressin 240mg (DesmoMelt [®]) - <i>abbreviated</i>	Primary nocturnal enuresis	Non-formulary Long-term use should be under the direction of the enuretic service	SMC advice SPC link
Desmopressin (DDAVP Melt [®]) - <i>abbreviated</i>	Diabetes insipidus	GPs may prescribe under the direction of the endocrine clinic to commence desmopressin	Alternative to nasal spray in patients with swallowing difficulties SMC advice SPC link
Dexrazoxane (Savene [®])	Anthracycline extravasation	Not recommended	SMC advice
Dibotermine alfa (InductOs [®])	Acute tibia fractures	Not recommended	SMC advice
Docetaxel (Taxotere [®])	Induction chemotherapy in advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck (SCCHN)	Awaiting feedback from OHMMG	SMC advice
Grazax [®] (standardised allergen extract of grass pollen)	Grass pollen induced rhinitis and conjunctivitis	Not recommended	SMC advice
Infliximab (Remicade [®])	Severe plaque psoriasis	Pending update of local guidelines on biological treatment of psoriasis	SMC advice
Infliximab (Remicade [®]) – <i>no submission</i>	Moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis	Not recommended	SMC advice
Infliximab (Remicade [®])	Maintenance treatment of severe, active Crohn's disease	Not recommended	SMC advice
Infliximab (Remicade [®])	Maintenance treatment of fistulising, active Crohn's disease	Not recommended	SMC advice

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Lanthanum carbonate (Fosrenol®)	Hyperphosphataemia in chronic renal failure	GPs may prescribe under the direction of the renal clinic	2 nd -line non-calcium-containing phosphate binder ie patients intolerant of sevelamer SMC advice SPC link
Sitaxentan (Thelin®)	Pulmonary arterial hypertension	Restricted to the Scottish Pulmonary Vascular Unit	SMC advice
Topotecan (Hycamtin®)	Relapsed small cell lung cancer (SCLC)	Not recommended	SMC advice

TAPG Update

	TAPG section	Drug(s)/topic	Changes
9.6	Vitamins	Calcium & Vitamin D	Calceos® replaces Adcal-D ₃ ® as first-choice calcium & vitamin D supplement. Calceos® (calcium 500mg, vitamin D 400U) is the least expensive calcium & vitamin D supplement in both primary and secondary care. Calcichew-D ₃ ® and Calcichew-D ₃ ® Forte removed from the formulary.

Forthcoming SMC Advice

Contact details: Local implementation of SMC recommendations is taken forward by the Tayside Medicines Unit - contact Jan Jones, Principal Pharmacist - Pharmacoeconomics (janjones@nhs.net) if you have any queries in relation to the introduction of new drugs within NHS Tayside.

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