

# TAYSIDE PRESCRIBER

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Medicine	Indication	Local recommendation category	Comments and useful links
Bemiparin (Zibor <sup>®</sup> ) - <i>Resubmission</i>	DVT prevention in orthopaedic surgery	Not recommended	<a href="#">SMC advice</a>
Bemiparin (Zibor <sup>®</sup> ) - <i>Resubmission</i>	DVT treatment	Not recommended	<a href="#">SMC advice</a>
Bevacizumab (Avastin <sup>®</sup> ) <i>Non submission</i>	Metastatic breast cancer	Not recommended	<a href="#">SMC advice</a>
Erlotinib (Tarceva <sup>®</sup> ) - <i>Non submission</i>	Metastatic pancreatic cancer	Not recommended	<a href="#">SMC advice</a>
Exenatide inj (Byetta <sup>®</sup> )	Type 2 diabetes mellitus in combination with metformin and/or sulphonylurea	GPs may prescribe under the direction of the diabetic clinic	Restricted to patients unsuitable for glitazones - <a href="#">click here</a> for further local advice <a href="#">SMC advice</a> <a href="#">SPC link</a> <a href="#">Local protocol</a>
Ibritumomab (Zevalin <sup>®</sup> ) - <i>Resubmission</i>	Follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL)	Not recommended	<a href="#">SMC advice</a>
Imiquimod 5% Cream (Aldara Cream <sup>®</sup> )	Actinic keratoses	Not recommended	<a href="#">SMC advice</a>
Methylphenidate prolonged release (Medikinet XL <sup>®</sup> ) - <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	ADHD	GPs may prescribe under the direction of the child & adolescent psychiatry clinic	Prescribe by brand name and according to local <a href="#">ADHD shared care protocol</a> <a href="#">SMC advice</a> <a href="#">SPC link</a>
Montelukast 4mg & 5mg tablets and 4mg granules (Singulair Paediatric <sup>®</sup> )	Mild persistent asthma in children unable to use inhaled corticosteroids	GPs may prescribe under the direction of the paediatric respiratory clinic	<a href="#">SMC advice</a> <a href="#">SPC link</a>
Rotigotine transdermal patch (Neupro <sup>®</sup> ) - <i>Resubmission</i>	Early-stage idiopathic Parkinson's disease	GPs may prescribe under the direction of the neurology clinic or geriatric medicine	Alternative to oral non-ergolinic dopamine agonists in patients with swallowing difficulties or poor compliance <a href="#">SMC advice</a> <a href="#">SPC link</a>
Sunitinib (Sutent <sup>®</sup> )	Advanced and/or metastatic renal cell carcinoma – 1 <sup>st</sup> -line	Not recommended	<a href="#">SMC advice</a>
Trastuzumab (Herceptin <sup>®</sup> ) – <i>Non submission</i>	HER 2+ve metastatic breast cancer (not previously treated with trastuzumab) in combination with an aromatase inhibitor	Not recommended	<a href="#">SMC advice</a>

## Inhaled insulin – Update

A [local protocol](#) for the use of inhaled insulin is now available. Treatment should be under the direction of, and monitored by, the diabetes clinic. (The first inhaler kit can now be prescribed in general practice).

## TAPG Update

	TAPG section	Drug(s)/topic	Changes
13	Skin	Calcipotriol ointment	Added to the formulary (generic ointment now available).
		Wound management	<a href="#">Wound formulary</a> products added to <a href="#">VISION formulary</a> for use in general practice.

## 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](mailto:janjones@nhs.net)) if you have any queries in relation to the introduction of new drugs within NHS Tayside.

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