

TAYSIDE PRESCRIBER

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Medicine	Indication	Local recommendation category	Comments and useful links
Adalimumab (Humira [®])	Chronic plaque psoriasis	HOSPITAL ONLY - pending update of local guidelines on the biological treatment of psoriasis	SMC advice SPC link
Anidulafungin (Ecalta [®])	Invasive candidiasis	Not recommended	SMC advice
Bevacizumab (Avastin [®])	Metastatic colorectal cancer	Referred to OHMMG	SMC advice
Bosentan 62.5, 125mg film coated tablets (Tracleer [®]) - <i>Non submission</i>	To reduce the number of new digital ulcers in patients with systemic sclerosis and ongoing digital ulcer disease	Not recommended	SMC advice <i>Bosentan was previously accepted in 2003 for restricted use in pulmonary arterial hypertension.</i>
Clostridium botulinum neurotoxin Type A (Xeomin [®])	Blepharospasm and cervical dystonia	Pending specialist feedback	SMC advice
Dabigatran etexilate (Pradaxa [®])	Primary prevention of VTE in adults who have undergone elective total hip or total knee replacement surgery	Pending specialist feedback	SMC advice
Epoetin zeta (Retacrit [®])	Anaemia in patients with chronic renal failure	Not recommended Non -formulary medicine	Darbepoetin alfa (Aranesp [®]) and epoetin beta (NeoRecormon [®]) are the ESAs of choice locally SMC advice SPC link
Glucosamine hydrochloride (Alateris [®])	Mild to moderate osteoarthritis of the knee	Not recommended	SMC advice
Lidocaine 70mg/tetracaine 70mg (Rapydan [®]) medicated plaster - <i>Non submission</i>	Surface anaesthesia	Not recommended	SMC advice
Loteprednol etabonate 0.5% 5mg/ml (Lotemax [®] 0.5% Eye Drops) - <i>Non submission</i>	Post operative inflammation following ocular surgery	Not recommended	SMC advice
Nilotinib (Tasigna [®]) - <i>Deferred advice</i>	Chronic phase of Philadelphia positive chronic myelogenous leukaemia (CML)	Pending OHMMG decision	SMC advice
Panitumumab 20mg/ml concentrate for solution for infusion (Vectibix [®]) - <i>Non submission</i>	Metastatic colorectal carcinoma	Referred to OHMMG	SMC advice

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Perindopril arginine (Coversyl Arginine [®]) - <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	Essential hypertension, Symptomatic heart failure	Non-formulary medicine	SMC advice SPC link
Perindopril arginine/indapamide (Coversyl Arginine Plus [®]) - <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	Essential hypertension	Non-formulary medicine	SMC advice SPC link
Teriparatide (Forsteo [®]) 20mcg/80mcl solution for injection - <i>Non submission</i>	Osteoporosis associated with sustained systemic glucocorticoid therapy in women and men at increased risk of fracture	Not recommended	SMC advice <i>Teriparatide was previously accepted in 2004 for restricted use within a specialist treatment pathway for established severe osteoporosis in post-menopausal women</i>

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TAPG Update

	TAPG section	Drug(s)/topic	Changes
11.8	The Eye – Tear Substitutes	Carbomers	Liquivisc [®] discontinued and removed. Replaced by generic carbomer 980 0.2% eye drops.
12.1	Ear, Nose & Oropharynx – Drugs acting on the ear	Otitis externa	Betnesol-N [®] drops discontinued and removed. Replaced by Betnesol [®] drops.
12.3	Ear, Nose & Oropharynx – Drugs acting on the oropharynx	Oropharyngeal fungal infections	Nystatin (Nystan [®]) pastilles discontinued and removed.

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