TAYSIDE PRESCRIBER



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Medicine	Indication	Local recommendation category	Comments and useful links
Aripiprazole solution for intramuscular injection (Abilify [®]) – Abbreviated submission	Rapid control of agitation and disturbed behaviours in patients with schizophrenia when oral therapy is not appropriate	HOSPITAL ONLY Specialist Mental Health Services	<u>SMC advice</u> <u>SPC link</u>
Atazanavir (Reyataz [®])	In treatment naïve HIV-1 infected adults in combination with other antiretrovirals	Pending AMG decision	<u>SMC advice</u> <u>SPC link</u>
Bivalirudin powder (Angiox [®])	Treatment of patients with acute coronary syndromes planned for urgent or early intervention	Pending specialist feedback	<u>SMC advice</u> <u>SPC link</u>
Flecainide acetate (Tambocor XL [®]) – <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	AV nodal reciprocating tachycardia, arrhythmias associated with Wolff- Parkinson-White Syndrome and similar conditions with accessory pathways	GPs may prescribe under the direction of a Cardiologist	<u>SMC advice</u> <u>SPC link</u>
Methylnaltrexone solution (Relistor [®])	Opioid-induced constipation in advanced illness patients who are receiving palliative care when response to usual laxative therapy has not been sufficient.	Non-formulary	<u>SMC advice</u> <u>SPC link</u>
Miconazole muco-adhesive buccal (Loramyc [®])	Oropharyngeal candidiasis (OPC) in immunocompromised patients	Not recommended	SMC advice
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto [®])	Prevention of VTE in adults undergoing elective hip or knee replacement surgery	Pending development of a local protocol	<u>SMC advice</u> <u>SPC link</u>

Updates from previous SMC advice

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Anidulafungin powder and solvent (Ecalta®) -	Treatment of invasive candidiasis in adult non- neutropenic patients	HOSPITAL ONLY Restricted to use on the advice of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Specialists	SMC advice SPC link To be used as 2 nd or 3 rd line therapy if caspofungin or other antifungals cannot be used
Micafungin 50mg and 100mg powder for solution for infusion (Mycamine [®])	Treatment of invasive candidiasis in adults, elderly and children (including neonates)	Not recommended	SMC advice
Pegylated interferon α 2b (ViraferonPeg [®]) powder for solution for injection in pre-filled pen in combination with ribavirin (Rebetol [®]) 200mg capsules	Treatment of chronic hepatitis C in adult patients who have failed previous treatment with interferon alfa alone or together with ribavirin	HOSPITAL ONLY Hepatitis C specialists will review patients on a case by case basis	<u>SMC advice</u> <u>SPC link</u>
Dabigatran etexilate Pradaxa [®])	Primary prevention of VTE in adults who have undergone elective total hip or total knee replacement surgery	Not recommended	SMC advice

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				after IV injection of the phosphate salt.
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6.4	Sex hormones	HRT	Minor changes to wording on treatment risks. Removal of mention of Tayside Menopause guidelines as currently under review. Change to advice on maximum duration of cyclical HRT.
6.5	Pituitary hormones	Desmopressin	Addition of note regarding removal of primary nocturnal enuresis indication for desmopressin nasal spray.
		Bisphosphonates	Prescribing note for zoledronic acid* added.
6.6	Drugs affecting bone metabolism	Other drugs affecting bone metabolism	Prescribing notes for strontium ranelate*, raloxifene, teriparatide* and recombinant parathyroid hormone* added.

*SMC accepted

Fondaparinux Treatment Protocol - Anticoagulation of patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)

NHS Tayside Cardiology Services have developed a <u>Fondaparinux Treatment protocol</u> for the management of patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) that is now operational at both Perth Royal Infirmary and Ninewells.

Forthcoming SMC Advice

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