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Medicine	Indication	Local recommendation category	Comments and useful links
Adalimumab solution for injection (Humira [®]) - <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	In adolescents with active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (13-17 years) in combination with methotrexate	HOSPITAL ONLY Paediatric Rheumatology	SMC advice SPC link
Aliskiren tablets (Rasilez [®])	Essential hypertension	Not recommended	SMC advice
Buprenorphine transdermal patches (BuTrans [®]) - <i>3rd Resubmission</i>	Severe opioid responsive pain conditions	Not recommended	SMC advice
Doripenem solution for infusion (Doribax [®])	Complicated intra-abdominal infections in adults	Pending AMG decision	SMC advice SPC link
Etonogestrel/ethinylestradiol vaginal ring (NuvaRing [®]) - <i>Deferred submission</i>	Contraception	Not recommended	SMC advice
Etravirine tablets (Intelence [®])	Treatment of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) infection in antiretroviral treatment-experienced adult patients	Not recommended	SMC advice
Extended release epidural morphine (Depodur [®])	Post-operative pain following major orthopaedic, abdominal or pelvic surgery	Not recommended	SMC advice
Fentanyl buccal tablets (Effentora [®]) - <i>Deferred submission</i>	Breakthrough pain (BTP) in adults using opioid therapy for chronic cancer pain	Pending specialist feedback	SMC advice SPC link
Fentanyl sublingual tablets (Abstral [®]) - <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	Breakthrough pain(BTP) in adults using opioid therapy for chronic cancer pain	Pending specialist feedback	SMC advice SPC link
Lacosamide tablets, syrup, & solution for infusion (Vimpat [®])	Add- on therapy in the treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in patients with epilepsy aged 16 years or older	Pending specialist feedback	SMC advice SPC link
Lapatinib tablets (Tyverb [®])	Advanced or metastatic breast cancer	Not recommended	SMC advice
Pemetrexed powder for concentrate for solution for infusion (Alimta [®])	In combination with cisplatin for the first line treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)	Not recommended	SMC advice
Salmeterol/fluticasone 50/500 micrograms inhaler (Seretide 500 Accuhaler [®]) - <i>Resubmission</i>	Symptomatic treatment of patients with chronic obstructive airways disease (COPD) with FEV ₁ 50% to <60% of predicted	Not recommended	SMC advice
Stiripentol capsules, powder for oral solution (Diacomit [®])	Use with clobazam and valproate as adjunctive therapy of refractory generalised tonic-clonic seizures in patients with severe myoclonic epilepsy in infancy (SMEI, Dravet's syndrome)	Not recommended	SMC advice <i>SMC advises that patients continue to receive treatment and are not switched to alternative therapies if it is currently proving clinically effective</i>
Sugammadex solution for injection (Bridion [®])	Immediate reversal of rocuronium-induced neuromuscular blockade	HOSPITAL ONLY Theatres and Anaesthetics	SMC advice SPC link

Thalidomide capsules (Thalidomide Pharmion®)	In combination with melphalan and prednisone as first line treatment of patients with untreated multiple myeloma, aged 65 years or over or ineligible for high dose chemotherapy	Pending OHMMG decision	SMC advice SPC link
Zoledronic acid 5mg solution for infusion (Aclasta®) - Non-submission	Osteoporosis in men at increased risk of fracture, including those with a recent low-trauma hip fracture	Not recommended	SMC advice

Updates from previous SMC advice

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Rivaroxaban tablets (Xarelto®)	Prevention of VTE in adults undergoing elective hip or knee replacement surgery	HOSPITAL ONLY (Orthopaedic department) Local treatment protocol available	SMC advice SPC link <i>The full treatment course will be supplied by the hospital pharmacy prior to discharge</i>
Atazanavir capsules (Reyataz®)	In treatment naïve HIV-1 infected adults in combination with other antiretrovirals	HOSPITAL ONLY (HIV clinic)	SMC advice SPC link Second line protease inhibitor if unable to tolerate Kaletra® or problems with hyperlipidaemia
Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate tablets (Viread®)	Treatment of chronic hepatitis B in adults with compensated liver disease	HOSPITAL ONLY (Hepatitis B Clinic)	SMC advice SPC link First line treatment for Hepatitis B

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Melatonin use in sleep disorders in children

A shared care agreement is in the final stages of development. It will shortly be presented to the Policy Group for consideration.

TAPG Update

	TAPG section	Drug(s)/topic	Changes
6.6	Drugs affecting bone metabolism	Bisphosphonates	Statement added at end of section about the relative risk of atrial fibrillation with some bisphosphonates
6.7	Other Endocrine Drugs	Dopamine-receptor agonists	New section added. Cabergoline, bromocriptine and quinagolide listed as main entries in section 6.7.1 Risk of cardiac fibrosis with ergot-derived dopamine agonists noted with link to MHRA advice.

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