

BLMK Wide Joint Formularies Newsletter



Medicines Formulary Additions & Changes

Drug	Beds/Luton	Milton Keynes	Indication	Notes
Aluminium salts (Anhydrol Forte & Driclor)	Green Self- care	Green Self- care	Hyperhidrosis	
Oxybutynin tablets	Green	Green	Hyperhidrosis	1st line Off-label choice anticholinergic
Propantheline tablets	Green	Green	Hyperhidrosis	1st line licensed choice anticholinergic
Trospium tablets	Green	Green	Hyperhidrosis	2nd line option of anticholinergic
Rituximab (biosimilar)	Red	Red	Primary cold haemag- glutinin disease	1st line off label treatment if symptomat- ic anaemia, severe circulatory symp- toms or transfusion dependence
Rituximab (biosimilar)	Red	Red	Primary warm AIHA, mixed AIHA and parox- ysmal cold haemoglobi-	2nd line off label treatment if no re- sponse to prednisolone 1mg/kg/day after three weeks or relapse during or
Cobicistat 150mg tablets	Red	Red	HIV	In line with NHSE guidance which speci- fies that combination branded HIV products be split into individual compo- nents as it is more cost-effective
Melatonin 3mg tablets (Ceyesto®)	Amber	Amber 1	Sleep disorders	Additional option for patients who need an immediate release product
Trimbow NEXThaler® DPI	Green	Green	COPD	Triple therapy should be reserved for patients who have failed to achieve or maintain an adequate response to an appropriate course of dual therapy (a combination of an inhaled corticoster- oid and a long-acting beta2-agonist
Rosuvastatin capsules	Green	Green	High intensity statin	Alternative preparation for patients with swallowing difficulties or feeding tubes
Rosuvastatin tablets	Amber to Green	Amber 2 to Green	High intensity statin	Now 2nd line choice after atorvastatin as per NICE guidance CG181
Ethosuximide capsule & syrup (Emeside®)	Amber	Amber 3	Epilepsy	Emeside® is the current most cost- effective brand

Wound care Formulary:

 Cavilon Advanced added to MK Formulary – AMBER 1- to be prescribed by TVN or GP on recommendation of TVN only

Deletions:

Elleste Solo MX—discontinued product

Assessed, prescribing not advised:

- X Glycopyrronium liquid for hyperhidrosis & powder for iontophoresis
- X Glutaraldehyde, formaldehyde and methenamine for hyperhidrosis

Bedford & Luton:				
RED	Hospital only precribing			
	Suitable for GP prescribing following specialist intiation			
	Initiation in primary or secondary care within licensed/local recommendation			
SCG	Specialist initiation & stabilisation followed by GP continuation in line with shared care guideline			
BLACK	Product rejected locally or nationally. Do not prescribe.			
Milton Keynes:				
RR	Assessed and NOT approved for use by MKPAG. Do not prescribe.			
RED	Hospital only prescribing			
	Specialist recommendation followed by GP initiation and continuation			
	Specialist or GP initiation in line with local guidance after 1st line failure, folllowed by GP continuation			
	Specialist initiation & stabilisation followed by GP continuation			
GREEN	Routine prescribing within licensed indication			
	Specialist initiation & stabilisation followed by GP continuation in line with shared care guideline			

The following organisations contribute to and participate in the BLMK APC Formulary Subgroup – Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group; Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust; Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust; East London NHS Foundation Trust; Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.