



New Patient Treatments

Afatinib is a protein kinase inhibitor used in oncology. This has been added to the Formulary in Chapter 8.1.5 as per [NICE TA310](#). Afatinib is available as tablets, under the brand name Geotrif. Afatinib is used for treating epidermal growth factor receptor mutation-positive locally advanced or metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer.

Overactive Bladder Pathway

A new [Overactive Bladder Pathway](#) has been added to the Pathway section of the APC website and Chapter 7 of the Formulary. This is a guidance document for treating overactive bladder conditions in women.

Please pay attention to the stages and prescribe using the most suitable medicine with the lowest acquisition cost, as outlined by [NICE](#). Refer patients who have no response to first line treatments.

This pathway is written to suggest the most efficient and effective treatments for the Northern Lincolnshire population. If you have any questions, please email richard.neilson@nhs.net.

Asthma Training Sessions

Training sessions are to be held at Scunthorpe General Hospital and the Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby. At these sessions, inhaler technique will be explained as well as the rationale for the new Asthma Pathways published by the APC. If you are interested in attending or supporting these events, please contact Richard Neilson on 07780 811118 or email richard.neilson@nhs.net. These sessions are open to any individual working within healthcare, not just hospital employees. Dates will be announced on the APC website.

Antibiotic Prescribing

The region's Antibiotic Pathway has recently been revised. Please see the Pathway section of the APC website for further details.

The Prescribing Formulary and related information can be found here:

www.northernlincolnshireapc.nhs.uk