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Northern Lincolnshire Area Prescribing Committee Newsletter

1) Update on the merger of the Northern Lincolnshire Area Prescribing Committee and the Hull and East Riding Prescribing Committee

Work is continuing to progress on the proposed merger of the two Humber APCs to form a single committee. A working group has been established from the two committees and relevant stakeholder organisations and has met a number of times to establish a proposed plan, Terms of Reference and review of both formularies.

2) Formulary Amendments and Additions

| Name of Drug | RAG Rated | Information |
|---|-----------|--|
| Dulaglutide | Green | Amendment |
| Levothyroxine suspension | Green | Suspension - restricted use for patients not stable on tablets following MHRA advisory |
| Semaglutide tablets | Green | Addition |
| Taptiqom eye drops (tafluprost/timolol) | Amber | Addition |
| Dexmedetomidine injection | Red | Addition (paediatric anaesthetic use) |
| Droperidol injection | Red | Addition (paediatric anaesthetic use) |
| Nicardipine injection | Red | Addition (for use in control of hypertension in Stroke Unit) |
| Pertuzumab/trastuzumab (Phesgo) | Red | Addition |
| Sodium zirconium cyclosilicate | Red | Addition |



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2) NICE Technical Appraisals

| NICE TA | Indication | RAG rating |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
| NICE TA 680 | Lenalidomide maintenance treatment after an autologous stem cell transplant for newly diagnosed multiple myeloma | RED |
| NICE TA681 | Baricitinib for treating moderate to severe atopic dermatitis | RED |
| NICE TA683 | Pembrolizumab with pemetrexed and platinum chemotherapy for untreated, metastatic, non-squamous non-small-cell lung cancer | RED |
| NICE TA685 | Anakinra for treating Still's disease | RED |
| NICE TA687 | Ribociclib with fulvestrant for treating hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative advanced breast cancer after endocrine therapy | RED |
| NICE TA689 | Acalabrutinib for treating chronic lymphocytic leukaemia | RED |
| NICE TA691 | Avelumab for untreated metastatic Merkel cell carcinoma | RED |
| NICE TA693 | Olaparib plus bevacizumab for maintenance treatment of advanced ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer | |
| NICE TA695 | Carfilzomib with dexamethasone and lenalidomide for previously treated multiple myeloma | RED |
| NICE TA697 | Andexanet alfa for reversing anticoagulation from apixaban or rivaroxaban | RED |
| NICE TA | Ofatumumab for treating relapsing multiple sclerosis | RED |



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3) Items Approved at APC

The APC committee approved the new Diabetes Local management Guideline written by Consultant Dr Pothina and Diabetes Nurse Specialist Paul **Dromgoole**.

Comment [SR(NOESU1): Could include a link to the guideline?

4) MHRA Alerts

The latest MHRA Alerts are published here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/drug-safety-update-monthly-newsletter

5) Net Formulary update

We are continuing to update our new Formulary available at: www.apcnlgformulary.nhs.uk

The netFormulary currently includes the following chapters:

1. Gastro-intestinal system
2. Cardiovascular system
3. Respiratory system
4. Central nervous system
5. Infections
6. Endocrine system
7. Obstetrics, Gynaecology and urinary-tract disorders
8. Malignant disease and immunosuppression
9. Blood and nutrition
10. Musculoskeletal and joint diseases
11. Eye
12. Ear, nose and oropharynx (just added)
13. Skin

15. Anaesthesia

netFormulary holds information about drugs and their formulary status. It includes traffic light status of medications so that prescriber responsibilities are clear. Pathways, NICE and



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APC policies will be linked to this as well as APC minutes and policies. This is an active document which is being continually updated. Please feel free to provide feedback or comments to the Area Prescribing Professional secretary Michelle Marshall at michelle.marshall3@nhs.net

The net Formulary app is now being rolled out. Information on how to install the app can be found on the formulary website under net Formulary APP.