



Newsletter



Northern Lincolnshire
Area Prescribing Committee

>>>>>>>>> **For Healthcare Professionals** >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> **August 2013**

Following the APC meeting held on 25th July, the medicines listed below have been added to the Medicines Formulary for Northern Lincolnshire:

Mirabegron 25mg and 50mg tablets have been added to Formulary Chapter 7.4.2. This is a medicine for urinary frequency, urgency and urge incontinence. This will only be used third line in patients unable to tolerate oxybutynin and tolterodine or those patients taking interacting medicines such as acetylcholinesterase inhibitors e.g. rivastigmine. Mirabegron will be used in line with NICE TA290.

Linaclotide 290microgram capsules have been added to Chapter 1.6.7. These are for IBS-C only and must be initiated by a Colorectal Consultant. Primary care may continue prescribing, but patients will usually require a secondary care review at 3 months. The patient must have used a laxative and antispasmodic in combination at BNF standard dose for a reasonable duration before linaclotide can be considered.

Klean-Prep has been amended in Chapter 1.6.5. The use has been extended to include paediatrics as well as patients sensitive to citrus flavourings. Klean-Prep tends to be used pre colorectal procedure or examination in secondary care.

Eltrombopag 25mg and 50mg tablets have been added to Chapter 9.1.4. This is for idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura and should be used as per NICE TA293.

0.125% Levobupivacaine has been added to Chapter 15.2. This is an intra-articular and peri-articular injection for analgesia in patients undergoing lower-limb joint replacement surgery (hip and knee joints). This will be used for orthopaedic procedures in the majority of cases. This will only be used in secondary care.

Dapagliflozin 5mg and 10mg tablets have been added to Chapter 6.1.2.3. This is for use in combination with metformin in type 2 diabetic patients as per NICE TA288. Further discussions will be held as to the exact place in the pathway for this and other impending medicines in the same class.

The MHRA have issued guidance on the use of codeine. Children under the age of 12 years and breast feeding mothers should not be prescribed codeine in any form. See the MHRA Drug Safety Update, Volume 6, Issue 12, July 2013.

The Formulary can be accessed via the APC website:

www.northernlincolnshireapc.nhs.uk