

## Prescribing partnership

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## GMC guidance

- Good practice in prescribing and managing medicines and devices (2013)  
(attached) [http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/ethical\\_guidance/14316.asp](http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/ethical_guidance/14316.asp)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG Prescribing info:

<http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/CJPG/NHSCambridgeshireFormulary.aspx>

From the webpage the following links on the left hand side are useful:

- Shared care guidelines: link<<http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/CJPG/SharedCareGuidance.aspx>>  
o Also Points 35 to 43 in the attached GMC document

- Drug Classification table, which is an appendix to the CCG formulary

Link<[http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/Libraries/Current\\_Drug\\_Classification\\_Table/Current\\_Drug\\_Classification\\_Table\\_Current\\_Red\\_Green\\_List\\_October\\_2015.sflb.ashx](http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/Libraries/Current_Drug_Classification_Table/Current_Drug_Classification_Table_Current_Red_Green_List_October_2015.sflb.ashx)>

- Prescribing guidelines and Policies –

Link<<http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/CJPG/PrescribingGuidelines.aspx>>

o Contains pathways for allergic rhinitis, acne, constipation, epilepsy, incontinence, vitamin D (adults), rheumatoid arthritis (biologics) etc.

- Pain Management pathway Link <<http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/CCPF/Painmanagement.aspx>>
- Anticoagulation – NOACS, AF pathway, training packages

link<<http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/CJPG/NHSCambridgeshireFormulary/Anticoagulation.aspx>>

- Respiratory – COPD and Asthma pathway

Link<<http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/CJPG/NHSCambridgeshireFormulary/Respiratory.aspx>>

- Gluten Free foods - link<<http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/CJPG/Nutrition.aspx>>

## Unlicensed medicines

- CCG Unlicensed medicines document

link<[http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/Libraries/Prescribing\\_Guidelines\\_and\\_Policies/Unlicensed\\_medicines\\_policy\\_July\\_2008.sflb.ashx](http://www.cambsphn.nhs.uk/Libraries/Prescribing_Guidelines_and_Policies/Unlicensed_medicines_policy_July_2008.sflb.ashx)>

- Points 67 to 70 in the attached GMC document covers unlicensed medicines

Think Medicines newsletters are available on the members extranet:

Link<<http://members.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/primary-care/Medicines-Management/think-medicines.htm>>

Electronic Medicines Compendium (EMC): contains Summaries of Product Characteristics (SPCs) and Patient Information Leaflets (PIL) for licensed medicines

## Borderline substances /Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances (ACBS)

- Appendix in the BNF <http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/formulary/bnf/current/a2-borderline->

## substances

- In certain conditions some foods (and toilet preparations) have characteristics of drugs and the ACBS advises as to the circumstances in which such substances may be regarded as drugs. Prescriptions issued in accordance with the Committee's advice and endorsed 'ACBS' will normally not be investigated.
- General Practitioners are reminded that the ACBS recommends products on the basis that they may be regarded as drugs for the management of specified conditions. Doctors should satisfy themselves that the products can safely be prescribed, that patients are adequately monitored and that, where necessary, expert hospital supervision is available.

## Selected List Scheme (SLS)

- Part XVIII B of the Drug Tariff reproduces Schedule 2 of the NHS (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs etc.) Regulations 2004 which are drugs that can be prescribed only in certain circumstances. These drugs and devices are only for patients with the stated medical conditions, and not for any other purpose.
- Prescribers must endorse prescriptions for these products 'SLS'. If the 'SLS' endorsement is missing, the prescription should not be dispensed and will not be passed for payment by NHS Prescription Services. Pharmacy staff cannot make the SLS endorsement themselves.
- e.g. Colief® Liquid, may only be prescribed for the relief of symptoms of CONFIRMED lactose intolerance by:
  - o The presence of reducing substances and/or excessive acid in stools,
  - o A low concentration of the corresponding disaccharide enzyme on intestinal biopsy
  - o Breath hydrogen test
  - o Lactose intolerance test
- Drug Tariff available: <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/4940.aspx>