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Recommendations on the use of medication, developed by the Suffolk Drug & Therapeutics Committee, approved by the Clinical Priorities Group

Ipswich and East Suffolk
Clinical Commissioning Group


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A	Acclidinium bromide ▼ (Eklira Genuair®)	Primary Care		For the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) - 2nd line (for patients who cannot use the tiotropium device effectively)			Judgement reserved
	Abiraterone (Zytiga▼®)	Hospital only		As anti androgen - commissioned by NHSE			
	Acitretin	Hospital only		Restricted to use by intergrated dermatology service and secondary care only			
	Agomelatine (Valdoxan®)	No prescribing		Depression		N (TA231) Terminated Appraisal	Judgement reserved
	Aliskiren ▼ (Rasilez®)	No prescribing		Hypertension			Not acceptable
	Alitretinoin (Toctino®)	Hospital only		Use in adults who have severe chronic hand eczema that is unresponsive to treatment with potent topical corticosteroids		N (TA177)	Judgement reserved
	Alpha Interferon	Hospital only		Hepatitis C		N (TA106)	
	Alprostadil (Caverject/Viridal®)			see erectile dysfunction			






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	Amiodarone	Hospital recommended		antiarrhythmia			
	Amlodipine & valsartan (Exforge®)	Primary Care		expected to be for use as an antihypertensive in patients whose BP is not adequately controlled on amlodipine or valsartan monotherapy and as replacement for patients taking amlodipine and valsartan			Nothing new
	Anagrelide (Xagrid®)	Hospital only		essential thrombocythaemia, within clinical trials			
	Anakinra (Kineret®)	Hospital only		rheumatoid arthritis if patient cannot take infliximab or etanercept		N (CG79)	
	Anti-cancer drugs including ORAL treatments - (NOW COMMISSIONED BY NHSE)	Hospital only		chemotherapy			
	Anti-nauseants in chemotherapy	Hospital only		chemotherapy induced nausea			
	Anti-TNF drugs	Hospital only		psoriasis			
	Apixaban ▼ (Eliquis®)	Hospital recommended		For the treatment and secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism as per NICE TA 341		N (TA341)	
	Apixaban ▼ (Eliquis®)	Hospital only		For the prevention of venous thromboembolism in total hip or knee replacement in adults		N (TA245)	
	Apixaban ▼ (Eliquis®)	Primary Care		For the prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation with 1 or more risk factor such as; prior stroke or TIA, ≥75yrs, hypertension, diabetes mellitus or symptomatic heart failure		N (TA275)	
	Apomorphine sublingual			see erectile dysfunction			

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	Aripiprazole (Abilify®)	Hospital recommended		Hospital initiated and stabilised, then GP prescribed for schizophrenia including TA292 and TA213		N (TA213)	
	Atomoxetine (Strattera®)	Shared care		Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Adults		N (CG72)	
	Atomoxetine (Strattera®)	Shared care		Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in children and adolescents (see also entry for ADHD)		N (TA98)	
	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder ADHD in children	Shared care		all drug treatments		N (CG72)	
	Atypical neuroleptics	Hospital recommended		Schizophrenia only <i>(excl. clozapine, see separate entry)</i>			
	Avanafil (Spedra ▼)	Primary Care		For the treatment of erectile dysfunction in adult men			
	Azelastine/Fluticasone (Dymista®)	Primary Care		Relief of symptoms of moderate–severe perennial allergic rhinitis for patients who have failed to respond to a steroid nasal spray with the addition of an oral antihistamine . Treatment with Dymista® must be reviewed after 3 months and only continued for patients who are benefitting from it.			Nothing new
	Azathioprine	Shared care		For the treatment of autoimmune conditions including systemic lupus erythematosus and vasculitis			
	Azilsartan medoxomil ▼ (Edarbi®)	No prescribing		For the treatment of essential hypertension in adults			Nothing new
B	Becaplermin (Regranex®)	Hospital only		Diabetic foot ulcers			
	Beta interferon	No prescribing		Patients not conforming to national MS trial criteria			


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	Beta interferon	Hospital only		<i>Patients conforming to national MS trial criteria</i>			
	Bexarotene (Targretin®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Bicalutamide	Hospital recommended		<i>Early prostatic cancer</i>			
	Brimonidine gel (Mirvaso®)	No prescribing		Mirvaso is indicated for the symptomatic treatment of facial erythema of rosacea in adult patients			
	Brivaracetam (Briviact)	Hospital recommended		As an adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation.			
	Busulfan (Myleran®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
C	Cannabis sativa extract (Sativex®)	Hospital only		<i>pain relief in multiple sclerosis</i>			
	Canagliflozin (Invokana®▼)	Primary Care		<i>For use in patients with type 2 diabetes as per NICE TA 390 and NICE NG28</i>		N (TA390)	
	Capecitabine (Xeloda®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Chlorambucil (Leukeran®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Chronic hepatitis B/C	Hospital only		i.e lamivudine, telbuvudine, telaprevir, ribavarin, interferon alfa etc..... please phone the medicines management team if in any doubt			
	Ciclosporin (oral)	Shared care		<i>immunosuppression related to dermatology, rheumatology and gastroenterology</i>			



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	Ciclosporin (oral)	Shared care		Transplant immunosuppression - <i>Do not prescribe for any new patients from 01/04/13 as this is now commissioned by NHSE and should be supplied from the acute trust. must prescribe by brand name</i>			
	Ciclosporin eye drops	Hospital recommended		Severe keratitis in dry eye disease that has not responded to treatment with tear substitutes		N (TA369)	
	Cilostazol (Pletal®)	No prescribing		Intermittent claudication(for all new patients from July 2012 in line with TA223)		N (TA223)	Possibly helpful
	Cinacalcet (Mimpara®)	Hospital only		primary hyperparathyroidism or parathyroid carcinoma -			Possibly helpful
	Cinacalcet (Mimpara®)	Hospital only		secondary hyperparathyroidism in end stage renal failure -		N (TA117)	Possibly helpful
	Clopidogrel	Hospital recommended		for acute coronary syndrome; prescribe generically		N (TA80 & TA210)	
	Clozapine (Clozaril®) Denzapine® Zaponex®	Hospital only		schizophrenia			
	Colesevelam (Cholestigel®)	Hospital recommended		lipid-lowering			Possibly helpful
	Collagenase clostridium histolyticum ▼ (Xiapex®)	Hospital only		for the treatment of Dupuytren's contracture in adult patients with a palpable cord -			Judgement reserved
	Cox II inhibitors	Primary Care		acute pain			
	Cyclophosphamide (Endoxana®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
D	Dabigatran (Pradaxa®)	Hospital only		prevention of venous thromboembolic (VTE) events in adult patients who have undergone elective total hip replacement (THR) or total knee replacement (TKR) surgery		N (TA157)	Offers an advantage





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	Dabigatran (Pradaxa®)	Primary Care		<i>Prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in adult patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation with one or more of the following risk factors: Previous stroke, transient ischemic attack, or systemic embolism (SEE), Left ventricular ejection fraction < 40 %,• Symptomatic heart failure, ≥ New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class 2, Age ≥ 75 years,• Age ≥ 65 years associated with one of the following: diabetes mellitus, coronary artery disease, or hypertension.</i>		N (TA249)	
	Dabigatran (Pradaxa®)	Hospital recommended		<i>Treatment of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE), and prevention of recurrent DVT and PE in adults.</i>		N (TA327)	
	Degarelix (Firmagon®)	Hospital only		<i>For the treatment of adult male patients with advanced hormone dependant prostate cancer</i>		N (TA404)	Possibly helpful
	Dapagliflozin (Forxiga®)	Primary Care		<i>For use in patients with type 2 diabetes as per NICE TA 390 and NICE NG28</i>		N (TA390)	
	Dapoxetine (Priligy®)	No prescribing		<i>Priligy is indicated for the treatment of premature ejaculation (PE) in adult men aged 18 to 64 years.</i>			
	Darbepoetin alfa (Araesp®)	Hospital only		tumours; <i>treatment of anaemia in adult cancer patients with solid tumours (non-haematological malignancies) receiving chemotherapy</i>		N (TA142)	
	Darbepoetin alfa (Araesp®)	Hospital only		renal patients; <i>treatment of anaemia in adult cancer patients with solid tumours (non-haematological malignancies) receiving chemotherapy -</i>			
	Dasatinib (Sprycel®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Deferasirox ▼ (Exjade®)	Hospital only		<i>chronic iron overload</i>			Offers an advantage
	Denosumab ▼ (Prolia®)	Hospital only		<i>treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women at increased risk of fractures as per NICE TA204</i>		N (TA204)	Nothing new


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	Depot antipsychotics	Hospital recommended		schizophrenia (administration by CPNs) see also entry for risperidone S/R			
	Dexamfetamine	Shared care		Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Children and adolescents			
	Dexamfetamine	Shared care		Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Adults (unlicensed)		N (CG72)	
	Dexibuprofen (Seractil®)	Primary Care		symptomatic treatment for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis acute symptomatic treatment of pain during menstrual bleeding (primary dysmenorrhoea) symptomatic relief of other forms of mild to moderate pain such as muscular-skeletal or dental pain			
	Diclofenac transdermal gel 3%	Primary Care		treatment of actinic (solar) keratoses			
	Donepezil (Aricept®)	Hospital recommended		Alzheimer's disease		N (TA217)	
	Dornase alfa (Pulmozyme®)	Hospital only		cystic fibrosis - for patients started on or after April 1st 2013 - Red hospital only as this is now commissioned by NHSE.			
	Dronedarone ▼ (Multaq®)	Shared care		atrial fibrillation		N (TA197)	Judgement reserved
	Drotrecogin alfa (activated)	Withdrawn		severe sepsis with organ failure		N (TA84)	
	Drugs for assisted conception except clomiphene	Hospital only		assisted conception			
	Dulaglutide (Trulicity)	Hospital recommended		type 2 diabetes			



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	Duloxetine (Cymbalta®)	Hospital recommended		major depressive episodes			Possibly helpful
	Duloxetine (Cymbalta®)	Primary Care		neuropathic pain			Possibly helpful
	Duloxetine (Yentreve®)	Primary Care		stress urinary incontinence			Nothing new
	Duodopa	Hospital only		Parkinson's disease			Possibly helpful
E	Edoxaban	Primary Care		Prevention of stroke and systemic embolism with non-valvular atrial fibrillation		N (TA355)	
	Edoxaban	Hospital recommended		Treating and preventing DVT and PE		N (TA354)	
	Empagliflozin ▼	Primary Care		For use in patients with type 2 diabetes as per NICE TA 390 and NICE NG28		N (TA390)	
	Eplerenone ▼ (Inspra®)	Hospital recommended		left ventricular dysfunction following myocardial infarct			Possibly helpful
	Erectile dysfunction	No prescribing		patients not covered by the HSC (see HSC 1999/177 for full description)			
	Erectile dysfunction	Hospital only		patients with "severe distress"			
	Erectile dysfunction (excluding tadalafil daily - see separate entry)	Primary Care		patients covered by the HSC for this category (see also drug tariff part XVIII B)			
	Erlotinib (Tarceva®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			



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	Etoposide (Vepesid®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Erythropoietin	No prescribing		<i>tumours; all indications</i>			
	Erythropoietin	Hospital only		<i>renal patients; all indications</i>			
	Escitalopram	Hospital recommended		<i>generalised anxiety disorder</i>			Possibly helpful
	Estramustine (Estracyt®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Etanercept (Enbrel®)	Hospital only		<i>rheumatoid arthritis - DMARD - following failure of 3 other DMARDs</i>		N (TA36)	
	Etanercept (Enbrel®)	Hospital only		<i>ankylosing spondylitis</i>		N (TA143)	
	Etanercept (Enbrel®)	Hospital only		<i>juvenile idiopathic arthritis</i>		N (TA35)	
	Exenatide ▼ (Byetta®)	Hospital recommended		<i>type 2 diabetes</i>		N (NG28)	Judgement reserved
	Exenatide ▼ long acting (Bydureon®)	Hospital recommended		<i>type 2 diabetes</i>		N (NG28)	
F	Fampridine ▼ (Fampyra®)	No prescribing		<i>for the improvement of walking in adult patients with multiple sclerosis with walking disability (EDSS 4-7). -</i>			Judgement reserved
	Febuxostat (Adenuric®)	Primary Care		<i>gout</i>		N (TA164)	Possibly helpful





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	Fentanyl (Abstral®, Actiq®, Effentora®▼, Instanyl®)	Hospital recommended		management of breakthrough pain for chronic cancer pain			Possibly helpful
	Fesoterodine (Toviaz®)	Primary Care		Treatment of the symptoms (increased urinary frequency and/or urgency and/or urgency incontinence) that may occur in adults with overactive bladder syndrome.			Nothing new
	Fidoxamicin ▼ (Dificlir®)	Hospital recommended		Treatment of Clostridium difficile infections (CDI) also known as C. difficile-associated diarrhoea (CDAD) in adults (third line after metronidazole and vancomycin; following a recommendation from a microbiologist- this may be verbal if patients are in the community)			Possibly helpful
	Fingolimod (Gilyena®)	Hospital only		First line treatment for RRMS (awaiting formal buisness case from Acute Trusts) -		N (TA254)	Judgement reserved
	Fludarabine (Fludara®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Fluorouracil (excluding topical preparations i.e Efudix which can be prescribed in primary care)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Fluticasone furoate/vilaterol ▼ (Relvar) inhaler	Hospital only		Asthma in adults and adolescents aged 12 years and older where use of a combination medicinal product (long-acting beta ₂ -agonist and inhaled corticosteroid) is appropriate			Judgement reserved
	Fluticasone furoate/vilaterol ▼ (Relvar) inhaler	Primary Care		COPD with a FEV1<70% predicted normal (post-bronchodilator) with an exacerbation history despite regular bronchodilator therapy.			Judgement reserved
	Fulvestrant (Faslodex®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
G	Galantamine	Hospital recommended		Alzheimer's disease		N (TA217)	
	Ganciclovir (Cymevene®)	Hospital only		for cytomegalovirus infection			







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	Gliclazide MR	Primary Care		<i>non insulin-dependent diabetes in adults where dietary measures, physical exercise and weight loss alone are not sufficient to control blood glucose</i>			
	Glucosamine including combination products	No prescribing		<i>all indications - the majority of products are unlicensed</i>		N (CG59)	Not acceptable
	Glycopyrronium bromide - inhaled (Seebri Breezhaler® ▼)	Primary Care		<i>Seebri Breezhaler is indicated as a maintenance bronchodilator treatment to relieve symptoms in adult patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).</i>			Possibly helpful
	Gold	Shared care		<i>rheumatoid arthritis and other collagen</i>			
	Gonadorelin analogues e.g. goserelin (Zoladex®), triptorelin	Hospital only		<i>endometrial thinning prior to surgery</i>			
	Gonadorelin analogues e.g. goserelin (Zoladex®), triptorelin	Shared care		<i>prostatic carcinoma</i>			
	Granulocyte colony stimulating factors	Hospital only		<i>neutropenia/progenitor cell transplantation</i>			
	Grazax	Hospital only		<i>treatment of moderate to severe seasonal allergic rhinitis</i>			A real advance
	Growth Hormone	Shared care		<i>treatment for the growth failure in children - check shared care agreement for specific indications</i>			
	Growth Hormone	Shared care		<i>growth hormone replacement in adult growth hormone deficiency</i>		N (TA64)	
H	HIV therapy	Hospital only		<i>all HIV therapy</i>			
	Hydrocortisone MR (Plenadren®)	No prescribing		<i>For the treatment of adrenal insufficiency in adults</i>			Nothing new




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	Hydroxycarbamide	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Hydroxycarbamide	Shared care		<i>myeloproliferative disorders needing cytoreduction</i>			
!	Ibandronate once monthly	Primary Care		<i>osteoporosis</i>			Possibly helpful
	Idarubicin (Zavedos®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Imatinib (Glivec®)	Hospital only		<i>chronic myeloid leukaemia -</i>		N (TA70)	
	Imiquimod 3.75% cream (Zyclara)	No prescribing		<i>Zyclara is indicated for the topical treatment of clinically typical, nonhyperkeratotic, nonhypertrophic, visible or palpable actinic keratosis (AK) of the full face or balding scalp in immunocompetent adults when other topical treatment options are contraindicated or less appropriate.</i>			
	Indacaterol ▼ (Onbrez+Breezhaler®)	Primary Care		<i>maintenance bronchodilator treatment of airflow obstruction in adult patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)</i>			Offers an advantage
	Infliximab	Hospital only		<i>rheumatoid arthritis following failure of 3 other DMARDs</i>		N (TA36)	
	Infliximab	Hospital only		<i>Crohn's disease</i>		N (TA187)	
	Infliximab	Hospital only		<i>ulcerative colitis (subacute manifestations)</i>		N (TA140)	
	Infliximab	Hospital only		<i>ulcerative colitis (acute exacerbations)</i>		N (TA163)	




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	Infliximab	Hospital only		<i>ankylosing spondylitis</i>		N (TA143)	
	Infliximab	Hospital only		<i>psoriasis</i>		N (TA134)	
	Ingenol (Picato®)	Hospital recommended		<i>Picato is indicated for the cutaneous treatment of non-hyperkeratotic, non-hypertrophic actinic keratosis in adults.</i>			Possibly helpful
	Inhaled insulin	<i>Withdrawn</i>		<i>diabetes</i>			
	inositol nicotinate (Hexopal®) (Hexopal Forte®)	No prescribing		<i>peripheral arterial disease (PAD) (for all new patients from July 2012 in line with TA223)</i>		N (TA223)	
	Insulin	Hospital recommended		<i>diabetes</i>			
	Insulin analogues	Hospital recommended		<i>diabetes</i>			
	Insulin degludec (Tresiba▼)	Hospital recommended		<i>diabetes in adults</i>			
	Isotretinoin	Hospital only		<i>toxic drug, restricted to use by secondary care clinicians only</i>			
	Ivabradine (Procoralan®)	Hospital recommended		<i>angina</i>			Possibly helpful
	Ivabradine (Procoralan®)	Hospital recommended		<i>Treatment of chronic heart failure</i>		N (TA267)	
	Ivermectin cream (Soolantra)	Hospital recommended		Topical treatment of inflammatory lesions of rosacea (papulopustular) in adult patients.			



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L	Lamotrigine	Hospital recommended		Hospital initiated and stabilised , then GP prescribed <i>for bipolar disorder</i>			
	Lanreotide (Somatuline®)	Shared care	In development	<i>acromegaly - fine control of growth hormone levels after surgery/radiotherapy</i>			
	Lanreotide (Somatuline®)	Hospital only		<i>neuroendocrine tumours, thyrotrophic adenomas -</i>			
	Lanthanum (Fosrenol®)	Hospital only		<i>hyperphosphataemia in chronic renal failure -</i>			Offers an advantage
	Lapatinib (Tyverb®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Leflunomide (Arava®)	Shared care		<i>for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis and other autoimmune conditions</i>			
	Lenalidomide (Revlimid®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Lidocaine Patches	Hospital recommended		For localised neuropathic pain i.e. scar pain, post herpetic neuralgia or in a palliative patient localised severe pain of unclear or mixed aetiology. Hospital to supply first 4 weeks of medication and use proforma to transfer to primary care.			
	Lidocaine Patches	No prescribing		All other indications			

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	Linacotide (Constella®)	Hospital recommended		<p>For the symptomatic treatment of moderate to severe irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C) in adults where the patient's symptoms have failed to resolve with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimal or maximum tolerated doses of laxatives from at least three different classes trailed for 2 months each • Patient has had constipation for at least 12 months <p>GP to review after 4 weeks and if they have not experienced improvement in their symptoms they should be re-examined and the benefit and risks of continuing treatment reconsidered.</p>			
	Linagliptin ▼ (Trajenta®)	Primary Care		<u>type 2 diabetes</u>		N (NG28)	
	Liraglutide (Victoza®)	Hospital recommended		treatment of adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus to achieve glycaemic control, In combination with: metformin or a sulphonylurea, in patients with insufficient glycaemic control despite maximal tolerated dose of monotherapy with metformin or sulphonylurea, metformin and a sulphonylurea or metformin and a thiazolidinedione in patients with insufficient glycaemic control despite dual therapy		N (NG28)	Possibly helpful
	Lisdexamphetamine	Shared care		ADHD			
	Lithium	Shared care		bipolar disorder; must prescribe by brand name			
	Lixisenatide (Lyxumia®)	Hospital recommended		Lyxumia is indicated for the treatment of adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus to achieve glycaemic control in combination with oral glucose-lowering medicinal products and/or basal insulin when these, together with diet and exercise, do not provide adequate glycaemic control		N (NG28)	Judgement reserved
	Lomustine	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Lubiprostone (Amitiza®)	Primary Care		indicated for the treatment of chronic idiopathic constipation and associated symptoms in adults, when response to diet and other non-pharmacological measures (e.g., educational measures, physical activity) are inappropriate. Can only be prescribed as per NICE TA and CCG pathway.		N (TA318)	


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	Lysuride	Withdrawn		dopamine agonist - antiparkinsonian agent			
M	Melatonin (Circadin®)	No prescribing		primary insomnia in the over 55s			Judgement reserved
	Melatonin	Shared care		for treatment of sleep disorders in children and adolescents with neurological/neurodevelopmental disorders including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism and visual impairment - unlicensed use for all			Offers an advantage
	Melphalan (Alkeran®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Memantine (Ebixa®)	Hospital recommended		Alzheimer's disease		N (TA217)	Offers an advantage
	Mercaptopurine	Shared care		for the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (unlicensed use)			
	Mercaptopurine	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Mesna (Mesna®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Methotrexate	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Methotrexate injection	Hospital only		for all indications including rheumatoid arthritis, hospital only			
	Methotrexate tablets	Shared care		rheumatoid arthritis and other collagen diseases			
	Methylphenidate (Ritalin® Concerta XL® Equasym XL® MedikinetXL®)	Shared care		Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Adults (unlicensed)		N (CG72)	





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	Methylphenidate (Ritalin® Concerta XL® Equasym XL® MedikinetXL®)	Shared care		Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (see also entry for ADHD) in children and adolescents		N (TA98)	
	Methylnaltrexone ▼ (Relistor®)	Hospital only		opioid induced constipation			Judgement reserved
	Midodrine	Hospital recommended		orthostatic hypotension (unlicensed, named patient only)			
	Mirabegron (Betimga ▼®)	Primary Care		for use in overactive bladder syndrome when antimuscarinics are clinically ineffective, contraindicated or have unacceptable side effects.		N (TA290)	
	Mitotane (Lysodren®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Moxifloxacin ▼ (Avelox®)	Hospital only		acute exacerbation of chronic bronchitis, community acquired pneumonia (not severe) and acute bacterial sinusitis			
	Mycophenolate	Hospital only		dermatology			Possibly helpful
	Mycophenolate	Shared care		for the treatment of autoimmune conditions including systemic lupus erythematosus and vasculitis			
	Mycophenolate	Shared care		transplant immunosuppression - Patients being prescribed in primary care prior to April 2013 only; new patients are hospital only			
N	Nalmefene (Selincro®)	Under review		For the reduction of alcohol consumption in those aged ≥18 years with alcohol dependence that have a high drinking risk level, without physical withdrawal symptoms and who do not require immediate detoxification. All patients who may benefit from this or who are requesting this must be referred into Turning Point for assessment and if appropriate supplies of nalmefene. GPs should not be prescribing this for new patients from April 1st 15.		N (TA325)	Possibly helpful
	Naloxegol (Moventig®)	Hospital recommended		For treating opioid induced constipation in adults whose constipation has not adequately responded to laxatives.			







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	Nicotinic acid & laropirant ▼ (Tredaptive®)	No prescribing		<i>all indications</i>			Offers an advantage
	Nicorette QuickMist®	Primary Care		<i>On recommendation of Smoking Cessation Service to aid smokers wishing to quit or reduce prior to quitting.</i>			
	Nilotinib (Tasigna®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Nomegestrol and estradiol (Zoely®)	No prescribing		for oral contraception			Nothing new
O	Octreotide short-acting and depot preparations (Sandostatin®)	Shared care	In development	<i>acromegaly - fine control of growth hormone levels after surgery/radiotherapy</i>			
	Octreotide	Hospital only		<i>Neuroendocrine tumours Prevention of complications following pancreatic surgery - commissioned by NHSE</i>			
	Olanzapine	Hospital recommended		<i>schizophrenia</i>		N (CG82)	
	Omacor	Hospital only		<i>secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease and in hypertriglyceridaemia (patients initiated prior to feb 2009 may be continued)</i>			Possibly helpful
	Omalizumab (Xolair®)	Hospital only		<i>severe allergic asthma in children under 12 years -</i>		N (TA201)	
	Ondansetron	Hospital recommended		<i>palliative care (unlicensed indication)</i>			Offers an advantage
	Ondansetron	Hospital only		<i>other unlicensed indications</i>			Offers an advantage
	Ondansetron	Hospital only		<i>for the management of nausea and vomiting induced by cytotoxic chemotherapy and radiotherapy</i>			







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	Ondansetron	Hospital only		for the prevention and treatment of post operative nausea and vomiting (PONV).			A real advance
	Oxycodone+naloxone (Targinact®)	Primary Care		Severe pain which can be adequately managed only with opioid analgesics			Not acceptable
P	Paliperidone (Invega®)	Hospital only		schizophrenia			Judgement reserved
	Paliperidone LA ▼ (Xeplion®)	Hospital only		maintenance treatment of schizophrenia in adult patients			
	Palivizumab (Synagis®)	Hospital only		prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) - patient selection as for IMPACT trial -			
	Penicillamine	Shared care		rheumatoid arthritis and other collagen diseases			
	Pentoxifylline	No prescribing		peripheral arterial disease (PAD) (for all new patients from July 2012 in line with TA223)		N (TA223)	
	Perampanel (Fycompa)	Hospital recommended		Fycompa is indicated for the adjunctive treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondarily generalised seizures in adult and adolescent patients from 12 years of age with epilepsy.			
	Pimecrolimus topical (Elidel®)	Hospital recommended		mild to moderate eczema		N (TA82)	
	Pramipexole	Hospital recommended		restless leg syndrome			Possibly helpful
	Prasugrel (Efient®)	Hospital recommended		inhibitor of platelet activation		N (TA182)	Offers an advantage
	Pregabalin	Hospital recommended		as adjunctive therapy in adults with partial seizures with or without secondary generalisation			Possibly helpful



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	Pregabalin	Primary Care		<i>peripheral neuropathic pain in adults</i>			Possibly helpful
	Pregabalin	Hospital recommended		<i>generalised anxiety disorder</i>			Possibly helpful
	Procarbazine (Procarbazine®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Prucalopride (Resolor®)	Hospital recommended		treatment of chronic constipation in women - the proforma in the 'checklist/pathway' column must be completed as part of the referral process		N (TA211)	Judgement reserved
R	Racecadotril (Hidrasec®)	No prescribing		Racecadotril is indicated for the symptomatic treatment of acute diarrhoea in adults when causal treatment is not possible.			Nothing new
	Racecadotril (Hidrasec®)	No prescribing		Complementary symptomatic treatment of acute diarrhoea in infants (older than 3 months) and in children together with oral rehydration and the usual support measures, when these measures alone are insufficient to control the clinical condition, and when causal treatment is not possible.			Nothing new
	Ramelteon	No prescribing		<i>primary insomnia</i>			Judgement reserved
	Ranolazine ▼ (Ranexa®)	Hospital recommended		<i>Ranexa is indicated as add-on therapy for the symptomatic treatment of patients with stable angina pectoris who are inadequately controlled or intolerant to first-line antianginal therapies (such as beta-blockers and/or calcium antagonists).</i>			Judgement reserved
	Rasagiline	Hospital recommended		<i>Parkinson's disease</i>			Nothing new
	Relvar Ellipta ▼® for Asthma	Hospital only		indicated for the regular treatment of asthma in adults and adolescents aged 12 years and older where use of a combination medicinal product (long-acting beta ₂ -agonist and inhaled corticosteroid) is appropriate			Judgement reserved
	Relvar Ellipta ▼® for COPD	Primary Care		is indicated for the symptomatic treatment of adults with COPD with a FEV1<70% predicted normal (post-bronchodilator) with an exacerbation history despite regular bronchodilator therapy.			Judgement reserved



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	Retigabine (Trobalt▼®)	Hospital recommended		indicated as adjunctive treatment of drug-resistant partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalization in patients aged 18 years or older with epilepsy, where other appropriate drug combinations have proved inadequate or have not been tolerated.		N (TA232)	
	Ribavirin in combination with interferon alpha (Copegus® Rebetol® Virazole®)	Hospital only		hepatitis C in patients with aggressive disease treatment to take place in selected centres -		N (TA106)	
	Rifamixin (Targaxan®)	Hospital recommended		Targaxan is indicated for the reduction in recurrence of episodes of overt hepatic encephalopathy in patients ≥ 18 years of age			Offers an advantage
	Riluzole (Rilutek®)	Shared care		<i>amyotrophic lateral sclerosis form of motor neurone disease -</i>		N (TA20)	
	Rimonabant			<i>obesity</i>			Not acceptable
	Risperidone oral (Risperdal®)	Hospital recommended		<i>schizophrenia</i>			
	Risperidone sustained release injection (Risperdal Consta™)	Hospital only		<i>protocol for LHPT patients: it should be initiated by a consultant, the efficacy would be monitored for 3 months and the medication withdrawn if no positive outcome noted, it should only be administered by LHPT staff and would be prescribed and issued by the Trust</i>			
	Rivaroxaban▼ (Xarelto®)	Hospital recommended		<i>For use in acute coronary syndrom (ACS) as per NICE TA 335</i>		N (TA335)	
	Rivaroxaban▼ (Xarelto®)	Hospital only		<i>Prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in adult patients undergoing elective hip or knee replacement surgery.</i>		N (TA170)	
	Rivaroxaban▼ (Xarelto®)	Primary Care		<i>Prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in adult patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation with one or more risk factors, such as congestive heart failure, hypertension, age ≥ 75 years, diabetes mellitus, prior stroke or transient ischaemic attack</i>		N (TA256)	Possibly helpful
	Rivaroxaban▼ (Xarelto®)	Hospital recommended		<i>For the treatment of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and prevention of recurrent DVT and pulmonary embolism (PE)</i>		N (TA261)	



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	Rivaroxaban ▼ (Xarelto®)	Hospital recommended		For the treatment of pulmonary embolism and preventing recurrent deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism in adults		N (TA287)	
	Rivastigmine	Hospital recommended		Alzheimer's disease		N (TA217)	
	Roflumilast ▼ (Daxas®)	No prescribing		severe COPD		N (TA244)	Judgement reserved
	Ropinirole (Adartel®)	Hospital recommended		dopamine agonist - antiparkinsonian agent			
	Ropinirole (Adartel®)	Hospital recommended		restless leg syndrome			
	Rotigotine ▼ (Neupro®)	Hospital recommended		Parkinson's disease for patients who cannot swallow			Possibly helpful
S	Sacubitril valsartan (Entresto)	Hospital recommended		For treating symptomatic chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction, only in people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with New York Heart Association (NYHA) class II to IV symptoms and • with a left ventricular ejection fraction of 35% or less and • who are already taking a stable dose of angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors or angiotensin II receptor-blockers (ARBs). Initial supply, monitoring and dose titration by hospital, moved to primary care once stable		N (TA388)	
	Saxagliptin (Onglyza®)	Primary Care		type 2 diabetes		N (NG28)	
	Seretide 500 Accuhaler	Primary Care		in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease			
	Sertindole	Withdrawn		schizophrenia			

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	Sevelamer (Renagel®) & (Renvela®)	Shared care		hyperphosphataemia in chronic renal failure -			
	Sildenafil	Primary Care		see erectile dysfunction			
	Sildenafil	Hospital only		<u>For Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension - DO NOT PRESCRIBE AS COMMISSIONED BY NHSE</u>			
	Sirolimus (Rapamune®)	Shared care		immunosuppression in liver and kidney allograft recipients - Patients being prescribed in primary care prior to April 2013 only; new patients are hospital only			
	Sitagliptin (Januvia®)	Primary Care		type 2 diabetes		N (NG28)	Offers an advantage
	Sitagliptin/metformin (Janumet®)	Primary Care		type 2 diabetes		N (NG28)	
	Sodium oxybate (Xyrem®)	Shared care		cataplexy in narcolepsy			Offers an advantage
	Sodium valproate	Hospital recommended		Hospital initiated and stabilised, then GP prescribed for mood stabilisation in bipolar disorder *unlicensed use			
	Solifenacin (Vesicare®)	Primary Care		symptomatic treatment of urge incontinence and/or increased urinary frequency and urgency as may occur in patients with overactive bladder syndrome			
	Somatropin	Shared care		for the treatment of growth failure in children		N (TA188)	
	Somatropin	Shared care		growth hormone replacement in adult growth hormone deficiency		N (TA64)	
	Somatropin	Hospital only		neuroendocrine tumours, prevention of complications following pancreatic surgery.			

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	Sorafenib (Nexavar®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Strontium ranelate (Protelos®)	Hospital recommended		postmenopausal osteoporosis; <i>If a woman can't take alendronate or either risedronate or etidronate</i>		N (TA161)	
	Sulphasalazine	Shared care		for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis and other autoimmune conditions			
	Sunitinib ▼ (Sutent®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Symbicort™ 200/6 or 400/12	Primary Care		Symptomatic treatment of patients with severe COPD (FEV ₁ < 50% predicted normal) and a history of repeated exacerbations, who have significant symptoms despite regular therapy with long-acting bronchodilators			
I	Tacrolimus (Prograf® Advagraf®)	Shared care		immunosuppression in liver and kidney allograft recipients; must prescribe by brand name - Patients being prescribed in primary care prior to April 2013 only; new patients are hospital only			
	Tacrolimus topical ointment (Protopic®)	Hospital recommended		atopic dermatitis		N (TA82)	
	Tadalafil (Cialis®)	Hospital only		For Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension - DO NOT PRESCRIBE AS COMMISSIONED BY NHSE.			
	Tadalafil (Cialis®) once daily	Hospital recommended		For patients post radical prostatectomy or external beam radiotherapy for prostate cancer, with good pre-op erectile function (IIEF > 16/25) and good unilateral/bilateral nerve spare.			
	Tadalafil (Cialis®) once daily	No prescribing		All other erectile dysfunction patients			
	Tadalafil (Cialis®) once daily	No prescribing		Treatment of the signs and symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia in adult males.		N (Terminated TA273)	
	Tamsulosin/solifenacin (Vesomni®)	Hospital recommended		Treatment of moderate to severe storage symptoms and voiding symptoms associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia in men who are not adequately responding to treatment with monotherapy			

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	Tapentadol ▼(Palexia®)	No prescribing		Relief of moderate to severe acute pain in adults, which can be adequately managed only with opioid analgesics			Judgement reserved
	Tapentadol SR ▼(Palexia SR®)	Hospital recommended		Management of severe chronic pain in adults, which can be adequately managed only with opioid analgesics. Can only be initiated by pain and palliative care specialists using the agreed proforma.			Judgement reserved
	Oxycodone+naloxone ▼(Targinact®)	Primary Care		Severe pain which can be adequately managed only with opioid analgesics			Not acceptable
	Tegafur with Uracil (Uftoral®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Temozolomide (Temodal®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Teriflunomide (Aubagio▼®)	Hospital only		for MS this is commissioned by NHSE			
	Teriparatide (Forsteo®)	Hospital only		treatment of established osteoporosis in postmenopausal women		N (TA161)	
	Thalidomide (Thalidomide Pharmion®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Ticagrelor ▼ (Brillique®)	Hospital recommended		prevention of atherothrombotic events in adult patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes		N (TA236)	
	Tiotropium inhalation solution (Spiriva Respimat)	Hospital recommended		Add-on maintenance bronchodilator treatment in adult patients with asthma BTS Step 4/5			
	Topotecan (Hycamtin®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Tolvaptan (Samsca®)	No prescribing		Treatment of adult patients with hyponatraemia secondary to syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion (SIADH).			Not acceptable

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	Treosulfan	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Tretinoin (Vesanoid®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
U	Ulipristal (ellaOne®)	Primary Care		Emergency contraception within 120 hours (5 days) of unprotected sexual intercourse (UPI) or contraceptive failure			Offers an advantage
	Uliprista (Esmya®)	Hospital recommended		Indicated for pre-operative treatment of moderate to severe symptoms of uterine fibroids in adult women of reproductive age. The duration of treatment is limited to 3 months			Offers an advantage
	Ulipristal (Esmya®)	Hospital recommended		Intermittent treatment of moderate to severe symptoms of uterine fibroids in adult women of reproductive age.			
	Ustekinumab	Hospital only		moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in adults who failed to respond to, or who have a contraindication to, or are intolerant to other systemic therapies including ciclosporin, methotrexate and PUVA			
V	Valganciclovir	Hospital only		for cytomegalovirus infection (CMV).			
	Valproate semisodium (Depakote®)	Hospital recommended		Hospital initiated and stabilised, then GP prescribed for acute hypomania within bipolar disorder, mood stabilisation in bipolar disorder *unlicensed use			
	Valsartan & Amlodipine q (Exforge®)	Primary Care		expected to be for use as an antihypertensive in patients whose BP is not adequately controlled on amlodipine or valsartan monotherapy and as replacement for patients taking amlodipine and valsartan			
	Varenicline ▼(Champix®)	Primary Care		smoking cessation - must have level 3 smoking cessation support		N (TA123)	Possibly helpful
	Vildagliptin (Galvus®)	Primary Care		type 2 diabetes		N (NG28)	Nothing new

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	Vildagliptin/metformin (Eucreas®)	Primary Care		type 2 diabetes		N (NG28)	
	Vimovo	No prescribing		Symptomatic treatment of osteoarthritis (OA), rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and ankylosing spondylitis (AS), in patients who are at risk for developing NSAID associated gastric and/or duodenal ulcers and where treatment with lower doses of naproxen or of other NSAIDs is not considered sufficient		N (CG59)	Not acceptable
	Vinorelbine (Navelbine®)	Hospital only		see anti-cancer drugs			
	Vitamin D analogues	Primary Care		management of vitamin D deficiency			
	Vortioxetine	Hospital recommended		For treating major depressive episodes in adults whose condition has responded inadequately to 2 antidepressants within the current episode		N (TA367)	
	Voriconazole	Hospital only		antifungal -			
W	Warfarin	Hospital recommended		anticoagulant (phlebotomy and monitoring to be carried out by hospital)			
X	Ximelagatran	Withdrawn		prevention of venous thrombosis after hip and knee surgery			
	Xultophy (insulin degludec and liraglutide)	Hospital recommended		type 2 diabetes			
Z	Zonisamide (Zonegran®)	Hospital recommended		monotherapy in the treatment of partial seizures, with or without secondary generalisation, in adults with newly diagnosed epilepsy			Possibly helpful

Traffic Light Rating:

No prescribing	Prescribing not supported in either general practice or secondary/tertiary care
Hospital only	Hospital only
Shared care	Hospital recommended and stabilised then Shared Care with GP prescribing*

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	Hospital recommended	Hospital recommended GP prescribed					
	Primary Care	Primary Care					
	Withdrawn	Withdrawn from use					

*Shared Care - means that there is either an agreed shared document which has been submitted to the Ipswich and East Suffolk Prescribing Workstream or the consultant and GP have discussed the individual treatment plan for a specific patient. Thus where a decision is defined as AMBER, it is in effect RED until either a document has been produced or a discussion about an individual patient has taken place.

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Prescriber rating:

Bravo! The drug is a major therapeutic advance in an area where previously no treatment was available

A real advance The product is an important therapeutic innovation but has certain limitations

Offers an advantage The product has some value but does not fundamentally change present therapeutics practice

Possibly helpful The product has minimal additional value, and should not change prescribing habits except in rare circumstances

Judgement reserved The committee postpones its judgement until better data and a more thorough evaluation of the drug are available

Nothing new The product may be new substance but is superfluous because it does not add to the clinical possibilities offered by previous products available. In most cases these are "me-too" products

Not acceptable Product without evident benefit over others but with potential or real disadvantages