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### Phenytoin Sodium NRIM 100mg capsules - Supply Disruption Alert

The manufacturer Accord will be out of stock of phenytoin sodium 100mg capsules from 4th January 2020 until early May 2020. An alternative phenytoin sodium 100mg capsule, manufactured by Flynn Pharma, is available. However, switching to an alternative formulation requires monitoring and may also require specialist support, advice or referral.

Healthcare professionals should read the latest full CAS report which can be found [here](#) and follow the recommended actions/monitoring advice listed in the **Supply Disruption Alert** which can be found as an attachment at the bottom of the alert.

We have identified via TPP that phenytoin is not being prescribed by brand in the majority of cases. Please see [MHRA guidance](#) on switching between different manufacturers' products and ensure that patients are maintained on the same manufacturer's brand of phenytoin preparation going forward. The brand should also be clearly stated on the prescription. Additionally, the [BSW NET Formulary guidelines](#) provide advice on the prescribing of all anti epileptics.

### Switching colestyramine in primary care in light of supply problems

BSWformulary has been amended to allow GPs in BaNES to prescribe alternatives for patients with bile acid malabsorption disorders where colestyramine is unavailable. [See here](#) for advice on dose equivalence and when to refer to the specialist team. Patients should be switched back to the licensed preparation when supplies resolve as the cost difference is significant; we are informed by the manufacturer that stocks of Questran Light should be available from week beginning 10th Feb 2020. Colestipol has been added to 3Ts formulary for the Swindon area and other formulary groups are working on moving to the same position.

Information on all medicine shortages can be found on the **Specialist Pharmacy Service** website by clicking [here](#)

### Slozem to Viazem XL

Merck have discontinued the production of Slozem products ([see here](#)). Remaining stock is expected to be exhausted by March 2020. Slozem was indicated for mild to moderate hypertension or angina pectoris. Local specialists consider Viazem XL to be interchangeable - the dosing for Viazem XL is every 24 hours, licensing is equivalent and the majority of patients will see no difference on switching.

### MHRA Drug Safety Update – Domperidone for nausea and vomiting: lack of efficacy in children; reminder of contraindications in adults and adolescents

Domperidone is no longer licensed for use in children younger than 12 years or for those patients weighing less than 35 kg. Results from a placebo-controlled study in children younger than 12 years with acute gastroenteritis did not show any difference in efficacy at relieving nausea and vomiting compared with the placebo. Prescribers are advised to consider alternative treatments in children under 12 years of age who need relief from these symptoms. A reminder of all contraindications is also listed on the full update which can be accessed [here](#). BSW NET Formulary states that it should be used "at the lowest possible dose for the shortest possible duration".

### Foodlink Complete price drop

Foodlink Complete is our first-line oral nutritional supplement in BSW. From January 2020, the price has dropped from 61p to 49p per sachet. This product, made up with full fat milk, contains the same or more calories and protein than ready to make supplements like Fortisip or Fortisip Compact. Please refer to BSW guidance on oral nutritional supplements and what to prescribe.

<https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=2070>

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### What we are watching.....

Horizon showed <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000dbpf/horizon-2020-1-addicted-to-painkillers-britains-opioid-crisis> on the 16th January at 9pm on BBC2 and it is well worth a watch.

Dr Michael Mosley embarks on an immersive journey to Britain's opioid frontline and meets patients struggling with addiction and GPs fighting a constant battle to help those suffering from chronic pain. He also uncovers worrying evidence of people abusing over-the-counter opioids and discovers how easy it is to buy strong opioids online

### BSW Formulary Update

If you have trouble finding documents or have any feedback, contact us via [bsw.formulary@nhs.net](mailto:bsw.formulary@nhs.net)

Formulary	Drug	Decision	Comments
BCAP	Ospemifene ▼(Senshio) tablets	Non-formulary	Not approved for addition to the formulary.
BCAP	Nebulised colistimethate	Amb w SCA	<b>BaNES only:</b> Nebulised colistimethate for NON-CF patients chronically colonised with <i>P.aeruginosa</i> SCA <a href="#">here</a> To be prescribed as Colomycin® brand along with sodium chloride ampoules for reconstitution as detailed in SCA.
BSW	Methylphenidate, Atomoxetine and Lisdexamfetamine - ADHD in children and adolescents	Amb w SCA	<b>BaNES and Wiltshire only.</b> The SCA for the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children and adolescents has had minor updates to contact details and to include Xaggitin® as the cost-effective methylphenidate brand locally. Brand switching for patients not on Xaggitin® to be considered by specialists during routine review. SCA <a href="#">here</a>
BSW	Guanfacine ▼ (Intuniv) tablets		3 <sup>rd</sup> line choice for the treatment of (ADHD) in children aged 5 years and over and adolescents
BSW	Nutlis clear® (Preferred choice), Resource ThickenUP Clear®, Thick & Easy Clear®		Nutlis clear has been adopted as the thickener of choice across BSW. Formulary entry <a href="#">here</a> Updated guide to Prescribing Thickeners for Adults in Primary Care <a href="#">here</a>
BSW	Medihoney barrier cream 50g		Medihoney barrier cream 50g has been included on the BSW formulary for moisture lesions and Incontinence associated Dermatitis (IAD) in line with Barrier Cream Guidance <a href="#">here</a>

A PrescQipp QRG to Ensuring appropriate quantities of GLP-1 mimetics are prescribed has been included in the BSW formulary [here](#)

### New Documents

NICE Hypertension Guidance	<a href="https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6859">https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6859</a>
NICE Hypertension Guidance – Patient Decision Aid	<a href="https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6863">https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6863</a>
MOCH Newsletter - November Special Edition	<a href="https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6867">https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6867</a>
Clinical Assessment form over 65s with suspected UTI	<a href="https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6880">https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6880</a>
Wiltshire Respiratory Team Referral Form	<a href="https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6905">https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6905</a>

### Updated Documents

Plaque Psoriasis (Moderate to Severe) Biologic Treatment Pathway in Adults	<a href="https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=5144">https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=5144</a>
Exceptional Prescribing List 2019/20 (previously High Cost Drugs)	<a href="https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6198">https://prescribing.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6198</a>

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