

Medicines Management Team Advisory Summary

Dapoxetine for premature ejaculation^{1,2} is NOT recommended as it is deemed to be an intervention of low clinical value

Dapoxetine has limited evidence base and data regarding its efficacy and safety beyond 24 weeks are limited^{2,3}

Introduction

- Dapoxetine is the only drug licensed for premature ejaculation in the UK. It is a potent SSRI administered on demand 1 to 3 hours before sexual activity
- Dapoxetine is licensed for the treatment of PE in adult men aged 18 to 64 years who meet all the following criteria
 - An intravaginal ejaculatory latency time (IELT) of less than two minutes
 - Persistent or recurrent ejaculation with minimal sexual stimulation before, on, or shortly after penetration and before the patient wishes
 - Marked personal distress or interpersonal difficulty as a consequence of PE
 - Poor control over ejaculation
 - A history of premature ejaculation in the majority of intercourse attempts over the prior 6 months

Formulary Status

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NON-FORMULARY	NON-FORMULARY	NON-FORMULARY

Recommended Actions

- Ensure non-pharmacological methods (e.g. self-help, couples therapy, squeeze/stop-go technique⁴) are considered for a patient presenting with premature ejaculation and the underlying cause of PE be treated prior to considering pharmacological therapy.
- Dapoxetine should not be prescribed in Primary Care

Wiltshire CCG Cost Impact

26 prescriptions for Dapoxetine, worth **£595**, have been dispensed in Wiltshire in the last 12 months

References

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