

Oxfordshire Area Prescribing Committee (APCO) Bullet Points January 2015

Prescribing Points and the Traffic light system is available on the OCCG website-link below. These bullet points summarise the decisions taken at APCO in November 2014; where possible drugs have been assigned a 'traffic light' in line with the Oxfordshire Prescribing Traffic Light System.

Local Guidance: [Traffic Light System](#)

The classifications are:

- Red List – Specialist Prescribing Only
- Yellow (Near Patient Testing LES) – Transfer of prescribing to primary care in line with Shared Care Protocol. Monitoring in Primary Care
- Yellow – Transfer of prescribing to primary care. Monitoring in secondary care
- Yellow Continuation List – Appropriate for continuation in primary care following specialist recommendation
- Brown – Prescribe only in restricted circumstances
- Black – Not recommended for use
- Holding List – Pending APCO / Priorities Forum decision

1. **Azathioprine** New shared care guideline lines agreed which incorporate all of the existing shared care guidelines covering Azathioprine. Currently there are seven shared care guidelines covering the different indications which Azathioprine is used for and this single document will replace all of these.
2. **Vitamin D Guidance** The NICE Public Health guidance was reviewed alongside local guidance. 'At risk' groups and people at very high risk should be advised to purchase supplementation which is now readily available through pharmacies or health food stores at very low cost or via Healthy Start Vouchers. Current guidance on which patients to test for vitamin D deficiency and prescribed treatment for vitamin D deficiency will not change. The local guideline will have a minor amendment to reflect this.
3. **Lipid lowering guidelines.** New guidelines were approved subject to minor amendments. The guidelines continue to support identification and treatment of patients with 20% risk of CVD and opportunistic treatment of patients with 10% risk.
4. **UTI** New guidelines were approved covering a range of patient criteria. The guidelines include pivmecillinan. It was agreed that a combination document would be useful and will be developed.
5. **DVLA guidance for diabetics**-It was agreed that this information is available on the DVLA website and does not need to be duplicated on the website.

6. **Dementia** The shared care guidelines for dementia and the primary care diagnosis and initiation guidelines have been included into a single document. This was approved with minor amendments and will replace both previous documents.
7. **Vaginal Discharge** New guidelines were approved.
8. **Jaydess** This has been added to the holding list. Contraceptive services are commissioned by Public Health and they are reviewing with OUH.

Summary of Traffic Light Classifications:

Drug	Traffic Light	Rationale
Anoro Ellipta	Holding list	LABA/LAMA, to await further guidance from secondary care
DuoResp Spiromax	Holding list	To await further info
Incruse Ellipta	Holding list	LAMA, No clear advantage
Ultibro Breezhaler	Holding list	LABA/LAMA, to await further guidance from secondary care
Rivaroxiban for ACS	Holding List	2.5mg tablets not yet available
Jaydress	Holding list	Awaiting public Health review

TRAFFIC LIGHT UPDATE:-		
Pivmecillinan	green	In line with UTI guidelines