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To all ophthalmic practices in NEECCG area

Prescription requests for eye preparations

Dear colleagues

GPs within North East Essex are guided in their prescribing by our local formulary which is jointly agreed by primary and secondary care physicians. The enclosed document details the eye preparations which are currently on our formulary.

In circumstances where an ophthalmic practitioner needs to write to a GP requesting that an eye preparation is prescribed, we would be grateful if they would refer to our "NE Essex CCG formulary" which is updated monthly on our website under prescribing information. Eye preparations not appearing on the list are considered non-formulary and should not be prescribed .

<http://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk/Library/Prescribing%20Information.html>

May I also take this opportunity to highlight that patients should be directed to buy any preparations that are available to purchase over-the-counter. This recommendation includes both those who are exempt from prescription charges, as well as those who pay for prescriptions.

Yours faithfully

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BNF Paragraph	Compound	Formulation	Notes	See foot note
11.3.1	Chloramphenicol	0.5% Drops, 1% Oint		
	Fusidic Acid	1% MR Drops		
	Gentamicin	0.3% Drops		
11.3.3	Aciclovir	3% Ointment		
11.4.1	Betamethasone	0.1% Drops, 0.1% Oint		
	Dexamethasone (+ Hypromellose)	0.1% (+0.5%) Drops	Maxidex®	
	Prednisolone	0.5%, 1% Drops		
11.4.2	Antazoline + Xylometazoline	0.5% + 0.05% Drops	Otrivine-Antistin®	
	Nedocromil Sodium	2% Drops	Use only after a suitable trial of Cromoglycate	
	Sodium Cromoglycate	2% Drops		
11.6	Betaxolol	0.25%, 0.5% Drops		
	Bimatoprost	100mcg/ml, 300mcg/ml Drops	Lumigan®	
	Bimatoprost + Timolol	300mcg + 5mg/ ml Drops	Ganfort®	
	Brimonidine	0.2% Drops		
	Brimonidine + Timolol	0.2% + 0.5% Drops	Combigan®	
	Brinzolamide	10mg/ml Drops	Azopt®	
	Brinzolamide + Brimonidine	10mg/ml + 2mg/ml Drops	Simbrinza®	
	Brinzolamide + Timolol	10mg + 5mg /ml Drops	Azarga®- Only patients intolerant of Dorzolamide + Timolol	
	Dorzolamide	2% Drops		
	Dorzolamide + Timolol	2% + 0.5% Drops		
	Latanoprost	50mcg/ml Drops, Unit Dose Vials	UDVs- Restricted only for patients intolerant to preservatives within eye drop preparations	
	Latanoprost + Timolol	50mcg + 5mg /ml Drops		
	Levobunolol	0.5% Drops		
	Tafluprost	15µg/ml Unit-Dose Drops	Saflutan® - Restricted only for patients intolerant to preservatives within eye drop preparations	
	Timolol Maleate	0.25%, 0.5% Drops		
Timolol PF Eye Gel	0.1% Gel	Tiopex®		
Travoprost	40mcg/ml Drops			
Travoprost + Timolol	40mcg/ml/0.5% Drops			
11.8.1	Carbomers	0.2% Eye Gel	Clinitas®preferred brand	
	Carmellose Sodium	0.5% Drops	Optive®, Optive Plus®	
		0.5%, 1.0% UDV	Celluvisc®	
	Hypromellose	0.3% Drops		
		0.3% Drops (pres-free)	Tear-Lac®	
	Polyethylene glycol/ Hydroxypropyl Guar	Eye Drops	Systane®	
			Systane Ultra®, Systane Balance®	
Liquid Paraffin	Eye Ointment	Lacri-Lube®		
Sodium Hyaluronate	Eye Drops	Hylo-Tear®		

Green = suitable for initiation in primary care, prescribing responsibility remains with the general practitioner.

Amber = Drugs that can only be prescribed in general practice after specialist referral and initiation or recommendation.

Grey = Suitable for self-purchase in the majority of circumstances.

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