



Local Shared Care Templates and Searches on Clinical Systems

Local templates and searches on GP clinical systems for **shared care drugs** are now out of date. These will not be updated and new templates/searches will not be created for additional shared care drugs. **Locally created shared care templates and searches will no longer be available for use on GP clinical systems after the 30th April 2024.** Practices are advised to refer to the latest Shared Care Agreements hosted on the [LLR APC website](#) for current monitoring arrangements.

FDB OptimiseRx Feedback Survey

As part of FDB's ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, FDB are looking to gather some direct feedback from OptimiseRx end-users about their experience with the solution. This will help to provide insights in relation to use of OptimiseRx.

Please complete the short survey via the link below to inform FDB about your experience with OptimiseRx. This is your opportunity to provide honest feedback and suggestions to help shape future changes and solution enhancements.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FDBOptimiseRxusersurvey2024>

All information gathered will be used to help ensure FDB continue to deliver value to NHS organisations and end-users of our solutions.

DOAC Guideline and Formulary Update

The [LLR Formulary](#) has recently been updated to reflect the recent patent expiry and significant price reduction of apixaban. **Generic apixaban is now the First Choice DOAC in LLR for patients with non-valvular AF, unless there is a specific clinical reason not to do so.**

LLR Formulary Choice *The preferred DOAC should be chosen based on the current lowest acquisition cost. Given the dynamic nature of this information, please consult the LLR Formulary for the recommended choice. If the recommended option is not appropriate, clinicians should explore alternative DOACs in the sequence outlined in the formulary.*

The LLR guidelines for [“Direct Oral Anti-Coagulants for Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation in Adults”](#) have also been updated and are accessible via the LLR APC website. The guidelines now refer the prescriber to the LLR Formulary for preferred choice of DOAC stating the above.

Medicines Safety Alerts

GP Practices have a contractual requirement to ensure they are receiving safety alerts and should ensure that they are signed up to receive all necessary alerts and that where appropriate, actions are completed as outlined by the [CQC](#). The LLR Medicines Optimisation Team will circulate safety alert information where local recommendations or actions are required based on specialist advice. Practices should not rely on this newsletter to receive all safety alerts and can register to receive them via the [MHRA](#). Medicines Supply Notifications (MSN) are sent directly to GP Practices via NHSE&I (please contact england.gp-contracting@nhs.net if you are not receiving these). Additional resources practices can sign up to include the MHRA [drug safety updates](#) and [drug safety newsletter](#) and the [Medicines Supply Tool](#).

Sodium Valproate MHRA Alert: For Action by GP Practices

Following the [MHRA drug safety alert regarding prescribing valproate/ valproic acid](#), the LLR designated a new group called the Sodium Valproate Task and Finish Group to coordinate the implementation of the new regulatory measures for new and existing patients younger than 55 years across the ICS on valproate or valproic acid. A summary of the alert is available on the LLR APC website [LLR Valproate/ Valproic Acid Advice Following MHRA Alert](#).

Practices are requested to share the details of **female patients under the age of 55 on valproate or valproic acid** with their specialist service by **March 29, 2024**. A search report is available on SystemOne and EMIS web and can be found in:

SystemOne: LLR Primary Care > MOF 24 25 > Sodium Valproate

EMIS Web: Leicestershire Health Informatics Service > 2425 MOF > Sodium Valproate

More details about the request, including the quick reference guide to the process, were sent to practice managers' emails. If you have not received the letter, please inform the LLR medicines optimisation team via llricb-llr.medicinesoptimisation@nhs.net.

Out of Stock Update

Please see links to the DHSC and NHSE/I online [Medicines Supply Tool](#) where you will find up to date information on out of stock medicines. The DHSC Medicines Supply team update the Medicines Supply Tool monthly. To register, please visit the [Specialist Pharmacy Service \(SPS\) website](#); you will need an NHS email address.

If a pharmacy is unable to obtain stock after following the [LLR APC Out-of-Stock-Guidance](#), an acute prescription for an available equivalent product should be prescribed. Long term supply issues may require a review of the patient and a change to their medication. Please check with your local pharmacies for up-to-date information on stock availability.

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Area Prescribing Committee (APC) Newsletter

The monthly LLR APC newsletter is designed to keep you informed of APC outcomes. All current and previous newsletters are available on the [LLR APC website](#).

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