

What's New?

WHAT'S NEW IN UNSCHEDULED CARE PGD version 31?

The unscheduled care PGD has been restructured to align with changes to the BNF publication and the development of the BNF app. The introduction of a medicines look-up list alongside the PGD is there to show those medicines that can be supplied or not supplied under the PGD. This is a significant change and guidance on how to use this list alongside the PGD is shown below. **It is still a requirement for the PGD to be signed** as has been done since its introduction however the medicines look up list will act as a tool to support application of the PGD in practice. It is hoped that this will support users of the PGD in practice, making it easier and more straightforward to determine what medicines can and cannot be supplied without requirement for referral to the BNF. As the PGD covers supply of appliances and ACBS products, which are not included in the medicines look-up list, these products can be found by referring to the appropriate section(s) of the Scottish Drug Tariff (see PGD schedules 17 and 18).

How to use the Medicines Look-up List

The Medicines look up list is ordered A-Z for all medicines in the BNF and BNF App, and are listed generically. The left-hand column shows the generic medicines name and the right-hand column has information on whether the medicine can (GREEN) or cannot (RED) be supplied under the PGD. Where a medicine is only allowed for certain indications, or only certain formulations are allowed, the entry will be listed as AMBER with information on what specifically can be supplied. While this list indicates whether supply is possible or not under the PGD, application of this PGD requires the use of professional judgement, where you must consider the needs of the patient in front of you and the consequences of making or not making a supply. Where a supply cannot be made under the PGD, pharmacists should consider how to best support the patient in obtaining continued supply of their prescribed medication. This could mean referring on to another health care professional within an appropriate timeframe.

Reminders

Individual Authorisation Forms

When completing this form please add the pharmacy name and contractor code of your normal work location, tick the Health Board you work in, indicate your position within the pharmacy and send to the relevant Health Board by email, post or as instructed by your health board. You can use a single form for up to three Health Boards. If doing so, tick up to three boxes and send to each Board you have selected. This will ensure you are authorised to use the PGD in the Boards indicated.

Contractors: you must ensure that at least one pharmacist has named your premises on the form, or payment cannot be made for a supply under the PGD. Pharmacists have until **31st August 2024** to sign version 31 or payment for supplies made will be stopped (unless the PGD is signed and sent for authorisation immediately before a supply is made). Individual pharmacists are reminded that they **must sign** the most recent version of the PGD. If you do not sign and email/post each time the PGD is issued and continue to use the UCF forms for supply under this PGD, you will be acting illegally. Use your GPhC number on the Authorisation form and on UCF forms