

Prescribing low priority medications

NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG has made the decision to stop prescribing a number of low priority medicines.

The decision was made by the CCGs Clinical Executive on Thursday 21 September because of the lack of evidence to demonstrate that these medicines are effective or because there are safer alternatives available to use instead.

The CCG continually works with local GPs to review prescribing practice based on the latest evidence available. This is to ensure that Great Yarmouth and Waveney patients are prescribed only evidence based medicines which are proven to improve patient outcomes and patient safety.

The medicines included in this decision are:

Alendronate/vitamin D3 (Fosavance®)
Aliskiren (Rasilex®)
Agomelatine
Armour Thyroid
Atorvastatin 30mg and 60mg
Aveeno® products
Azilsartan (Edarbi®)
Calcium and Vitamin D generic tablets with no strength stated
Co-enzyme Q10
Colesteslam (Cholestagel®)
Complementary Therapies
Co-Proxamol
Dental items (Corsodyl® mouthwash,
Duraphat® Toothpaste etc)
Dicycloverine (Merbentyl®)
Dipipanone/cyclizine (Diconal®)
Dosulepin
Doxazosin prolonged release
Dymista® nasal spray
Elfornithine (Vaniqua®)
Etoricoxib
Fentanyl immediate release
Ginkgo Biloba
Gliclazide modified release (Diamicron® MR)
Glucophage®
Glucosamine (with or without
chondroitin)
Gluten free foods
Grass Pollen Vaccine (Grazax®)
Heparinoid cream/gel (Hirudoid®)
Herbal treatments
Homeopathy treatments
Hydrocortisone MR (Plenadren ®MR)
Imigran RADIS®
Indapamide MR (Natrlix® SR)
Inegy®
Influenza vaccine (Intanza®)
Ketoprofen/omeprazole (Axorid®)

Levocetirizine (Xyzal®)

Lidocaine plasters

Liothyronine

Lutein and antioxidants (ICaps®,
Ocuvite etc)

Malaria prophylaxis (chloroquine, Malarone, proguanil, mefloquine, etc)

Methylnaltrexone

Minocycline

MooGoo products

Multivitamins

MolluDab®

Patients who are currently prescribed any of the medicines listed which can be purchased over the counter instead will be advised that their medication is no longer available on prescription but that they can purchase it instead.

Patients who are currently prescribed any of the medicines listed which cannot be purchased over the counter will be reviewed by their GP to determine whether it is appropriate to stop the medication with no alternative needed or whether it should be replaced with a more appropriate evidence based medication.

The policy for prescribing low priority medicines is available [here](#).