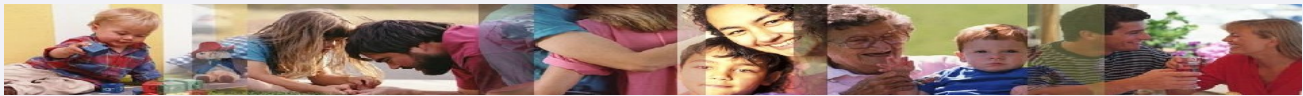


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## EYE FORMULARY CHAPTER PUBLISHED

With the increasing number of eye products on the market, product selection can be confusing. A new chapter has been added to the Northern Ireland (NI) Formulary which focuses on the management of dry eye and glaucoma. It is hoped that the new chapter will provide some clarity for healthcare professionals in Northern Ireland.

In addition to the Formulary choices and accompanying prescribing notes, patient information leaflets (PILs) have been produced and are available via the NI Formulary website.

The PILs and the Formulary chapter were developed in conjunction with local ophthalmology specialists.



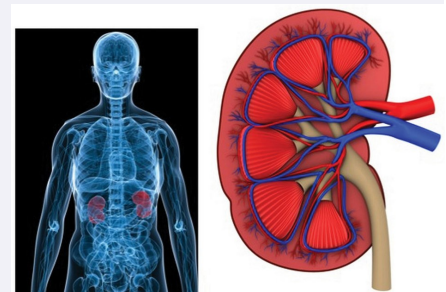
### Action

- Refer to the NI Formulary website for Formulary choices and general advice on managing dry eyes and blepharitis (i.e. non-drug options) <http://niformulary.hscni.net>.

## HOW TO ACCESS THE RENAL DRUG HANDBOOK

If you are looking for information on drug dosing in patients with different levels of kidney function, this information can be found in the Renal Drug Handbook. This is available both on-line and as paper copies.

NHS staff in Northern Ireland can access this resource through Health On the Net Northern Ireland (HONNI) <http://www.honni.gub.ac.uk/> (registration at a local medical library is required in the first instance — see HONNI website for nearest branch and opening hours).



## LICENSED DEMECLOCYCLINE BACK IN STOCK

Demeclocycline 150mg tablets have been out of stock since Summer 2014. As such, only unlicensed preparations have been available. The licensed Amdipharm brand is now back in stock with wholesalers in Northern Ireland.

## SUPPLY OF BABY MILKS ON FACEBOOK

A number of tins of baby milk were advertised for sale on Facebook by someone in the Antrim / Ballymena area. On two occasions Enfamil AR<sup>®</sup> ('anti-reflux') baby formula was sold or passed on for either a low fee or no fee. These tins had pharmacy labels attached.



### Action for GPs

- HSCB have been advising GPs not to prescribe reflux formulas. If they are clinically indicated, patients should be encouraged to purchase them (as they are a similar price to standard formulas). They can be exchanged for Healthy Start Vouchers for eligible patients. HSCB ask that you support us with this message to parents/carers.
- As with all items issued on prescription, always check with the person requesting the prescription that they require the full amount prescribed.

### Action for Community Pharmacists:

- Support GPs with the message to parents/carers, that if clinically indicated, reflux formulas should be purchased (or exchanged for Healthy Start vouchers for eligible patients).
- As with any prescription dispensed, always ensure that you check that the patient requires the full amount prescribed and inform their GP practice if they do not.

Refer to HSCB infant feeding guidance for further details [http://niformulary.hscni.net/Formulary/Adult/PDF/PrimaryCareInfant\\_Feeding\\_GuidelinesWeb.pdf](http://niformulary.hscni.net/Formulary/Adult/PDF/PrimaryCareInfant_Feeding_GuidelinesWeb.pdf)

## NICE GUIDANCE — NI ENDORSEMENTS

**Service Notifications have been issued in Northern Ireland for the following:**

[NICE TA376](#) — Radium-223 dichloride for treating metastatic hormone relapsed prostate cancer with bone metastases.

[NICE TA3777](#) — Enzalutamide for treating metastatic hormone-relapsed prostate cancer before chemotherapy is indicated

[NICE TA379](#) — Nintedanib for treating idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

[NICE TA380](#) — Panobinostat for treating multiple myeloma after at least two previous treatments.

[NICE TA381](#) — Olaparib for maintenance treatment of relapsed, platinum-sensitive, BRCA mutation-positive ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer after response to second-line or subsequent platinum based chemotherapy.

[NICE TA383](#) — TNF-alpha inhibitors for ankylosing spondylitis and non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (including a review of TA143 and TA233).

[NICE CG32](#) — Nutrition support for adults: oral nutrition support, enteral tube feeding and parenteral nutrition.

[NICE PH38](#) — Type 2 diabetes: prevention in people at high risk.

## MANAGED ENTRY DECISIONS

The following medicines were considered in June as part of the Northern Ireland Managed Entry process. **For details of the outcomes please refer to the Managed Entry section of the Northern Ireland Formulary website:** <http://niformulary.hscni.net/ManagedEntry/MEDecisions/Pages/default.aspx>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abiraterone (Zytiga<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Alirocumab (Praluent<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Bevacizumab (Avastin<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Ceftolozane + tazobactam (Zerbaxa<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Eltrombopag (Revolade<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Evolocumab (Repatha<sup>®</sup>)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Idelalisib (Zydelig<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Paclitaxel Albumin (Abraxane<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Pertuzumab (Perjeta<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Regorafenib (Stivarga<sup>®</sup>)</li><li>• Simeprevir (Olysio<sup>®</sup>)</li></ul> |
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