

PRESCRIPTION CLERKS NEWSLETTER Apr/May 2021

Informing Prescription Clerks and Practice Staff who manage repeat prescription requests about changes to local prescribing guidelines and prescription services as well as providing updates on medicine related matters

Freestyle Libre® 2 Sensors Update

We are aware that when requested some patients are not being upgraded to Freestyle Libre® 2 sensors.

Freestyle Libre® 2 sensors may be prescribed in place of Freestyle Libre® sensors to existing patients on their request. It does **not** require a request from the Specialist Diabetes Centre for existing Libre patients. Both sensors are equivalent in price. Patients will have to update the Libre APP on their phone and will be prompted to do this when they start to use Libre 2 sensors. People who use Readers will need to contact Abbott for a Libre 2 Reader.

A suggested AccuRx message is:

We have upgraded you to the Libre 2 sensors; your prescription has been changed. Libre 2 sensors work with the LibreLink telephone APP or go to <https://www.freestylelibre.co.uk/libre/fsl2Replacement.html>

MEDICATION BEING DISCONTINUED

Elleste Solo MX® 40 and 80 transdermal patches are being discontinued and remaining supplies are expected to be depleted by October 2021 and July 2021, respectively.

SAVINGS

Prescribing Laxido® or Cosmocol® instead of macrogol compound oral powder or Movicol is significantly better value by approximately £50 per patient per year, based on the dose, one sachet per day. A search is available to identify patients on Movicol and generic macrogol compound oral powder.

To switch from Movicol - do a G/T switch to 'generic macrogol compound oral powder' and then click on the G/T switch again and choose either Laxido or Cosmocol. Remember to enter a patient note 'Replaces Movicol or macrogol- exactly the same active ingredients' or an equivalent message.

Cost per pack of 30 sachets



RETROSPECTIVE PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS

As per standard practice, prescribers are not obliged to issue retrospective prescriptions when a direct appliance contractor (DAC) has supplied to the patient in advance of a valid prescription- a reply template is available.

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Please contact Caroline Hailstone, CCG Prescribing Support Pharmacist (email: caroline.hailstone@nhs.net Mob: 07768 020809) if you would like training or refresher for admin staff /prescription clerks on processing repeat prescriptions/ EPS/prescription tracker. See Berkshire East CCG website for previous issues: <https://www.eastberkshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/medicines-prescribing-information/prescription-clerk-newsletter/>

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