

# **PRESCRIPTION CLERKS NEWSLETTER** June/July2021

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

## **Nutrition Formulary Update**

There has been a recent update to the nutritional supplements available on the formulary. The prescribing formulary on your practice system (EMIS and Vision) will have been updated to reflect this. New products have been added as well as additional flavours for oral nutritional supplements. Products that have been removed are Fresubin Powder®, Ensure® Plus crème, Cow & Gate® Instant Carobel, SMA® Anti-reflux, Enfamil® O-Lac and SMA LF®.

Any nutritional supplements which are currently non-DM+D products should be updated to the correct version as per the formulary in order that the prescription may be sent via EPS.

Please contact your Practice pharmacist, Medicines Optimisation pharmacist or dietitian if you have any queries.

## **CAMOUFLAGE CREAMS**

The following Camouflage creams have been added to the Frimley formulary (update to the live formulary pending)

**Covermark® classic foundation and finishing powder; Dermacolor® Camouflage cream and fixing powder; Keromask® finishing powder and masking cream; Veil® Cover cream and Finishing Powder.**

(Cleansing Creams, Cleansing Milks, and Cleansing Lotions are excluded).

GPs may prescribe as per the ACBS criteria.

- Disfiguring skin lesions (birthmarks, mutilating lesions, scars, vitiligo)

In the first instance, patients should be directed to the [Changing Faces](#) website: [Skin Camouflage Products & Prescriptions | Changing Faces](#) which has information and advice on products and prescriptions. Skin Camouflage Service appointments are available as well as both virtual and face-to-face appointments.

## **SYNCHRONISING MEDICATION**

It's important that medication quantities are synchronised to prevent over or under ordering. Repeat medicines can get out of sync when new medicines are started or if there are dose changes- this also applies to patients who have been discharged from hospital. An easy way to bring medication back into sync is to issue a one- off acute prescription for the number of tablets required- your practice pharmacist or pharmacy technician should be able to help with this.

Care homes order medication on a 28 day ordering cycle and if medication is out of sync this can result in missing items or a delay in supply. Please ensure medication for these patients is synchronised as soon as possible. If you have any queries on the care home ordering cycle, please contact Dhara Thacker. Email: [dhara.thacker2@nhs.net](mailto:dhara.thacker2@nhs.net)

## **Repeat Prescription Training**

For repeat prescriptions/ EPS training for new admin staff /prescription clerks, please contact Caroline Hailstone, Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist. Email: [caroline.hailstone@nhs.net](mailto:caroline.hailstone@nhs.net)

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