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**Brighton and Hove
Clinical Commissioning Group**

2016-17 Switching Action Plan Summary

The NHS Brighton and Hove CCG Joint Formulary can be accessed at:

<http://www.gp.brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/prescribing/joint-formulary>

Generic/Brand → Preferred Brand		
Non-preferred	Preferred Brand	% Cost Reduction
Diltiazem 60mg MR tablets	Tildiem 60mg MR tablets	80%
Fentanyl 12mcg, 25mcg, 50mcg, 75mcg and 100mcg patches	Matrifen 12mcg, 25mcg, 50mcg, 75mcg and 100mcg patches	40%
Buprenorphine 5mcg, 10mcg and 20mcg patches	Butec 5mcg, 10mcg and 20mcg patches	44%
Isosorbide mononitrate 60mg preparations	Monomil XL 60mg tablets	50-70%
Mesalazine 400mg and 800mg MR tablets	Octasa 400mg and 800mg MR tablets	13-30%
Methylphenidate XL 18mg, 36mg and 54mg tablets	Matoride XL 18mg, 36mg and 54mg tablets	20%
Pregabalin 25mg, 50mg, 75mg, 100mg, 150mg, 200mg, 225mg and 300mg capsules (<i>Non – neuropathic pain indications only</i>)	Alzain 25mg, 50mg, 75mg, 100mg, 150mg, 200mg, 225mg and 300mg capsules	27% - 33%
Rivastigmine 4.6mg patch	Alzest 4.6mg patch	60%
Tramadol 100mg, 150mg, 200mg MR preps	Marol 100mg, 150mg and 200mg MR tablets	50%
Venlafaxine MR 75mg, 150mg and 225mg preparations.	Vensir XL 75mg and 150mg capsules	80%
Flexitol heel balm	Dermatonics 75ml tube	Reduction depending on frequency of treatment
Brand	Generic	% Cost Reduction
Abilify 5mg, 10mg, 15mg tablets	Generic aripiprazole tablets 5mg, 10mg, 15mg	86%
Abilify and generic aripiprazole orodispersible tablets 30mg	Generic aripiprazole tablets 15mg x2	93%
Azopt eye drops	Generic brinzolamide eye drops	46%
Celebrex 100mg and 200mg capsules	Generic celecoxib 100mg and 200mg capsules	90%

Non-preferred Formulation → Preferred Formulation		
Non-preferred Formulation	Preferred Formulation	% Cost Reduction
Abilify and generic aripiprazole 10mg and 15mg orodispersible tablets	Generic aripiprazole 10mg and 15mg tablets	86%
Targinact and generic oxycodone and naloxone 5mg / 2.5mg, 10mg / 5mg, 20mg / 10mg and 40mg / 20mg PR tablets	Longtec 5mg, 10mg, 20mg and 40mg tablets and GP to consider concomitant regular laxative therapy, for example a combination of stool-softening and stimulant laxatives e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • docusate plus senna or bisacodyl or • lactulose plus bisacodyl or senna or • laxido (ensure patient consumes plenty of fluids) or • Naloxegol (in the Joint Formulary for opioid-induced constipation – more expensive than the others but preferable to Targinact) 	70%
Tramacet and generic tramadol 37.5mg / paracetamol 325mg tablets	Tramadol 50mg capsules (QDS) and paracetamol 500mg tablets (1g QDS)	50%
Co-proxamol (paracetamol 325mg and dextropropoxyphene 32.5mg) tablets	Zapain tablets (Co-codamol [paracetamol 500mg and codeine 30mg])	90%
Melatonin	Circadin MR tablets	Dependant on original product

Review to ensure appropriate prescribing	
Non-preferred Drug	Rationale
Non - approved (luxury) gluten free products	Gluten free products are widely available from most supermarkets at competitive prices. If patients require items on prescription, only bread and flour listed on the joint formulary will be permitted. A maximum of 8 items (e.g. 6 loaves and 2 flour) may be provided a month, on NHS prescription. For more information see: http://www.gp.brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/joint-formulary and our local GF policy: http://www.gp.brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/file/637
Liothyronine	Brighton and Hove CCG do not approve the use of liothyronine for long-term thyroid replacement, as it is not within its license. It is only approved for treatment of myxedematous coma and pre radioiodine treatment for thyroid cancer and the patients' specialist should supply on-going prescriptions.
Duraphat toothpaste	Dental products are not on the joint formulary. Products recommended by dentists such as fluoride tablets, toothpastes and mouthwashes should be purchased OTC by the patient or prescribed by the dentist recommending them. It is inappropriate to ask the GP to take clinical responsibility for this specialist prescribing.
Ascorbic acid	Patients should be encouraged to eat a balanced diet, which provides adequate Vitamin C. Vitamin C preparations are readily available to buy over the counter at low prices. If prescribed, the licensed indication for ascorbic acid 500mg is for the treatment of scurvy. The only nutritional supplement where there is evidence to support long-term administration in alcoholic patients is thiamine, to prevent hepatic encephalopathy.