

FROM	TO	Recommendation: see SystmOne/TPP searches under Medicines Management Reporting	Link to website statement
Technician switches			
Alphagan	Brimonidine	Prescribe as generic – all glaucoma eye drops, single and combination preparations	
Any bath preparation, bath oil, shower gel or wash	STOP (Can offer Epimax or Isomol as soap substitute)	Stop use - use moisturising emollient as soap substitute (for all patients including young children)	Emollient Prescribing Guidelines
Arimidex or Femara	Anastrozole or Letrozole		
Asacol	Octasa		
Aveeno	AproDerm Colloidal Oat	Switch to cost-effective creams, including Cetraben. Do not switch in leg ulcer patients. Stop moisturising creams used occasionally for dry skin patients	Emollient Prescribing Guidelines
Azopt	Brinzolamide	Prescribe as generic – all glaucoma eye drops, single and combination preparations	
Blephasol, Blephagel, Blephaclean	Stop or purchase OTC	Stop eyelid hygiene products	
BuTrans or buprenorphine patch	Bunov (Second line: Butec if Bunov not tolerated)		
Calcichew 1000/800, Calcichew D3 chewable	Accrete D3 (chewable tablets - 1 OD or Film coated - swallow 1BD) Adcal caplets can be used for Dosettes. Accrete D3 chewable tabs currently out of stock, please use Theical D3 as alternative 24.02.23	Most cost-effective brand; switch if discharged on Adcal D3 chewable formulation.	
Calcipotriol 0.005%/Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.05% cream or gel	Calcipotriol 0.005%/Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.05% ointment	Gel/cream/foam are included on BSWformulary as second line options to support compliance with treatment when ointment is not suitable	Formulary (bswformulary.nhs.uk)

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Carbomer 980	Clinitas (or Viscotears)		
Cerazette	Desogestrel	If not on repeat, leave note for next prescriber to switch	
Cialis (20mg or 10mg)	Tadalafil		ED guidance
Co-careldopa (10mg/100mg and 25mg/250mg)	Sinemet		
Creams and emollients; Diprobase, Cetraben, E45, Aqueous cream	Epimax (or ExCetra for leg ulcer care)	Switch to cost-effective creams, including Cetraben. Do not switch in leg ulcer patients. Stop moisturising creams used occasionally for dry skin patients	Emollient Prescribing Guidelines
Cosopt	Dorzolamide/Timolol	Prescribe as generic – all glaucoma eye drops, single and combination preparations	
Crestor	Rosuvastatin		
Doublebase gel	Epimax Isomol gel		Emollient Prescribing Guidelines
Dovobet ointment /Dalonev ointment	Generic Calcipotriol 0.005%/Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.05% ointment	Dalonev discontinued January 2023	
Durogesic or fentanyl patch	Mezolar Matrix (or Matrifen)		
Estradiol 10microgram vaginal tablets or Vagifem	Vagirux	Vagirux has a single multi-use applicator which can be used up to 24 times and is recyclable.	
Ethosuximide	Emeside		
Exelon or rivastigmine patch	Alzest		
Flexitol Heel Balm (this is twice daily application)	Dermatonics Once Heel Balm	Diabetic foot	
Forceval	Valupak Multivitamin and Mineral One a Day (Dialysis and Bariatric and Gastric surgery patients are exempted from this switch)	Ensure you pick the correct Valupak product	
Hyaluronic acid eye drops, Hylo-Tear, Hylo-Forte...	Hydramed 0.2% (Second line VIZhyal 0.4% if patient prefers a more viscous preparation)	Avoid switching if a very severe case of dry eyes	BSW Dry Eye guidance

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Hypromellose Eye drops 0.3%	Evolve PF eye drops 0.3% Aapromel (non PF) eye drops 0.3%	Should preferably be self-purchased OTC, but if prescribing, prescribe as either Evolve or Aapromel brands as generic Hypromellose not ETP mapped	-
Ibugel 10% or ibuprofen gel, Voltarol gel, Feldene gel	Fenbid 5% gel	10% Ibuprofen gel is non formulary and should not be prescribed. Suggest purchased OTC (or prescribe 5% gel if patient declines and prescriber feels there is clinical need)	
ISMN 60mg MR tab	Monomil		
Lipitor	Atorvastatin		
Losec or Nexium	Omeprazole or Esomeprazole		
Mirapexin or Pramipexole MR	Pipexus		
Movelat	Purchase OTC (or swop to Fenbid (ibuprofen) if appropriate)	Advise purchase topical rubefaciants OTC	
Movicol	Laxido Orange (Cosmocol if Plain or Lemon and Lime)		
Nasonex	Mometasone		
Omeprazole tablets	Omeprazole capsules		
Oxycodone IR	Shortec		
Oxycodone MR	Longtec		
Premium price generics (These appear on system as drug, strength (Manufacturer))	Plain generic		Use Open Prescribing for PPGs not on search
Quinine bisulfate 300mg	Quinine sulphate 200mg	Quinine sulphate 200mg is considered clinically equivalent to quinine bisulphate 300mg.	-
Reminyl or galantamine XL	Gatalin (or Gazylan)		
Requip or ropinirole MR (2mg and 8mg only)	Ipinnia XL		
Seroquel XL or any brand of quetiapine MR	Brancico XL (line: Zaluron XL If Brancico not tolerated)		
Sertraline 50mg, 100mg	Contulen 50mg, 100mg		

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Simple eye ointment	Hylo-Night		-
Sodium Chloride 5% eye drops	Sodieye PF 5% eye drops		-
Sodium Chloride 9% nasal drops	Purchase OTC. If prescribed, please prescribe as Orbis brand	Should be OTC in first instance. Otherwise prescribe as Orbis brand	-
Sodium cromoglicate eye drops	Stop or purchase OTC	Advise purchase sodium cromoglicate eye drops for rhinitis/allergies	
Stalevo	Sastravi		
Sukkarto SR 500mg, 1000mg	Metformin MR 500mg, 1g	Sukkarto (500mg, 1000mg strengths) is now more expensive than generic metformin MR. (NB Sukkarto SR 750mg remains more cost effective than metformin MR 750mg)	
Sulfasalazine 500mg tablets - plain and enteric coated	Salazopyrin 500mg plain tablets and Salazopyrin 500mg EN tablets	Salazopyrin is more cost effective than the generic sulfasalazine in both the plain and enteric coated forms	
Tolterodine XL 2mg, 4mg	Tolthen XL 2mg, 4mg		
Unifine, Clickfine	GlucoRx fine point or BD Viva	Use insulin pen needles <£6/box	
Venlafaxine MR caps & tabs (37.5mg, 225mg only)	Vencarm XL		
Vesicare	Solifenacin		
Viagra	Sildenafil		
Xalacom	Latanoprost & Timolol	Prescribe as generic – all glaucoma eye drops, single and combination preparations	
Xalatan	Latanoprost	Prescribe as generic – all glaucoma eye drops, single and combination preparations	
Zyprexa velotab or Olanzapine oral lyophilisates	Olanzapine tablets (or use orodispersible s/f)		
Pharmacist switches/ input then technician to switch			
Aviva, FreeStyle Optium, OneTouch, Compact, Active	T2: True Metrix, T1: As per specialist, but Glucomen Areo 2k meter is recommended. (Aviva and Freestyle Optium	Use glucose test strips <£10/pack of 50	Blood Glucose Monitoring in Diabetes

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	may be required by very complex T1 patients)		
Fesoterodine / Darifenacin	Deprescribe or Solifenacin	Non-formulary Antimuscarinic's	
Fostair (Budesonide/Formoterol) 100mcg/6mcg and 200mcg/6mcg dose inhaler	Luforbec (Budesonide/Formoterol) 100mcg/6mcg and 200mcg/6mcg dose inhaler	Luforbec is pMDI ICS/LABA brand of choice in BSW - lower carbon footprint (certified carbon neutral) and more cost effective vs Fostair. NB 200mcg strength only licensed for asthma not COPD	https://bswtogether.org.uk/medicines/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/01/BSW-Asthma-Inhaler-Prescribing-Guidance-in-Adults-Jan-2023-1.pdf
Gabapentin 1 x 800mg tablet	Replace with 2 x Gabapentin 400mg capsules		OAB guidance
Glucose test strips: Stop if unnecessary (not on insulin, or sulphonylureas)	STOP		Blood Glucose Monitoring in Diabetes
Imigran	Sumatriptan	Review, and if no specific reason why Imigran is being prescribed, switch to generic	-
Keppra	Levetiracetam		Category 3 Antiepileptic
Lamictal tablets	Lamotrigine		
Lidocaine patches	If can't be stopped, prescribe Ralvo brand	Stop prescribing Low Value Medicine	
Liothyronine tablets 5 microgram, 10microgram, 20microgram	Liothyronine Capsules (Roma brand) 5 microgram, 10microgram, 20microgram	Add in script note: ' Please prescribe as Roma brand. Available through AAH or Alliance'	
Naproxen GR, effervescent, suspension	Naproxen standard	Avoid GR and liquid versions unless necessary	
Qvar 50 & 100 (Note: NOT the Autohaler or Easi-breathe)	Kelhale 50 & 100 (Same device. Dose counter to help patient use the full inhaler and order timely)		
Relvar 92 & Incruse	Trelegy	Switch to single inhaler. Higher strength Relvar not on searches as indicated for asthma not COPD. Consider carefully whether patient truly needs triple therapy or LABA/LAMA	BSW COPD Guidance (Aug 2019)
Seretide 500/50 accuhaler	Relvar 92	COPD guidance only recommends low dose ICS. Seretide Accuhaler not on asthma guidance. For Asthmatic patients, consider this switch patient carefully and assess	

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Seretide Evohaler, Fluticasone/salmeterol 250/25 or 125/25 MDI	AirFlusal (all fluticasone/salmeterol are non-formulary in asthma – do NOT start new patients). Fostair: For COPD patients who need a pMDI	Prescribe by BRAND – avoid generic combination inhalers. Switch Seretide 250/25 or 125/25 to equivalent BRAND. Involve respiratory nurses in decision making/copy them in	Diagnosed Adult Asthma: Guidance on adjusting treatment
Sertraline 28 x 25mg tablets	Replace with Sertraline 14 x 50mg tablets	Replace sertraline 25mg tablets with 25mg dose achieved by taking half a 50mg tablet or a 50mg tablet taken on alternate days. Sertraline 25mg are not in the Drug tariff and not included on BSW Formulary. The only indications for this strength is the initial 7 days dose titration in adults for panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and social anxiety disorder and in children for obsessive compulsive disorder.	
Symbicort, DuoResp, Budesonide/formoterol 100/6, 200/6 or 400/12	Fobumix 80/4.5, 160/4.5 and 320/9 (Symbicort or DuoResp non-formulary)	Switch and prescribe by brand	
Tiotropium 18mcg or Spiriva DPI (not Respimat)	Braltus	Switch as per COPD guidance	
Unexpectedly expensive items	Run search to see if any of these items are being prescribed. For example: amitriptyline 10mg/5ml, but 25mg/ 5ml and 50mg / 5ml are a lot more cost-effective		
Vitamin B compound (standard & strong)	Deprescribe	Change in guidance, Vit B compound no longer recommended for alcoholism	

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Cialis OD (2.5mg or 5mg)	Sildenafil or Tadalafil (once a week or on demand PRN)		
Ciprofibrate	After review switch to a more cost effective fibrate or another alternative treatment	Ciprofibrate is non formualry	
Co-Proxamol	Paracetamol +/- weak opioid	STOP prescribing	
Dicycloverine (any dose and formulation)	Mebeverine, Hyoscine, Alverine, Mintec	Avoid prescribing - poor NHS value	

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DOACs - review and if appropriate switch to BSW 1st line Edoxaban	Edoxaban	For review as per documentation for non-valvular AF. Not to be bulk switched. N.B. savings from this switch cannot be counted towards practice targets as it is part of the IIF scheme	Anticoagulation in non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAf): BSW Guidance for Prescribers
Dosulepin	Alternative antidepressant (SAFETY ISSUE)	Low Value Medicine	
Targinact (oxycodone & naloxone)	Opioid & separate laxative	Avoid prescribing combination - Low Value Medicine	
Trimipramine	Alternative antidepressant	Low Value Medicine	

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