

Formulary information for new starters in primary care:

The NHS Kernow clinical commissioning group (NHS Kernow) [formulary](#) provides guidance on locally recommended drug choices, including which are first line (green), second line (blue), specialist recommended (yellow), specialist initiated (orange), hospital only (red) and discouraged drugs (grey). You can search for a particular drug in the search bar.

Alternatively, the formulary can be viewed by chapter and subsection. This is laid out in the same format as the [British National Formulary](#) (BNF). Chapters include information about drugs and related [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence](#) (NICE) guidance and other important documents.

There is also a range of helpful guidance available from the home page.

Useful documents and links on the formulary:

On the formulary you will find a range of buttons on the left-hand side to link to particular sections, commonly used resources are mentioned below:

- Shared care [guidelines](#)
 - for medication which requires agreement between consultant and GP, guidelines include information about responsibility for prescribing and monitoring
- Local resource [packs](#)
 - drug monitoring guidance, Eclipse user guides, prescribing dilemma advice, self-care information, Royal Cornwall NHS Hospitals Trust (RCHT) renal resource pack (including information about management of acute kidney injury), polypharmacy guidance, advice on liquid medicines for children, end of life resource, antibiotic guidelines and how to add hospital medication to patient record.
- [Chronic pain](#) in Cornwall
 - information for patients, information for clinicians (videos), printable documents for patients and clinicians
- Palliative care [resources](#)
 - availability of specialist medicines, end of life resource, anticipatory prescribing guidelines, syringe driver chart, dexamethasone guidance, community pharmacy palliative care medication list, guidance on electronic signatures, guidance on prescribing in patients with renal impairment at end of life
- Diabetes [resources](#)

- Respiratory [resources](#)

Formulary chapters

Formulary chapters cover the BNF chapter list, each chapter may also contain more specific guidance on topics and links to NICE guidance, a few of the more commonly used resources are listed here but please see individual [chapters](#) for all guidance:

- gastro- [Formulary factsheet: Proton Pump Inhibitors in children](#)
- nutrition and blood- [NHS Kernow vitamin B compound and compound strong factsheet March 2021](#), [NHS Kernow probiotics position statement August 2020](#). Information on oral nutritional supplements, infant formula and vitamin D also available
- eye- [Cornwall Health Community Prescribing Guidelines for Dry Eye Management 2020](#)
- skin- [emollient prescribing guidance](#)
- dressings- [KCCG Wound Management Formulary - COMMUNITY 2020](#)
- appliances- [NHS Kernow Continence product list and top tips 2021](#)
- stoma appliances- [NHS Kernow 2019 Accessory Formulary](#)

For further support with the formulary or guidance the [medicines optimisation team](#) are available Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays).

Prescribing shots newsletters

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