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Dear Colleagues

Minor Ailment Service

NHS Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group are pleased to announce that 3 new patient group directions have been commissioned for use in community pharmacies from 1 February 2022. These additions to the MAS are funded through winter access funding and therefore will run until 31 March. We will evaluate the provision data and use it to support the case for continuing these additions.

These PGDs are made available to allow pharmacists to support patients who would otherwise find these self-care medicines inaccessible. It is not intended that they are used as an alternative means of supply for patients who would otherwise purchase these medicines.

PGD for the supply of fluconazole capsule plus clotrimazole cream for vaginal thrush

This PGD allows community pharmacies to supply the first line treatment for acute vaginal thrush as per [NICE guidance](#) to women aged between 16 and 60 years. Please note that this PGD will attract 2 charges. It is anticipated that it will be cheaper for patients who would pay a charge to purchase treatment over the counter.

PGD for the supply of clotrimazole pessary plus clotrimazole cream for vaginal thrush

This PGD allows the provision of alternative treatment for women with acute vaginal thrush for whom fluconazole is contra-indicated. Please note that this PGD will attract 2 charges. It is anticipated that it will be cheaper for patients who would pay a charge to purchase treatment over the counter.

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PGD for the supply of sumatriptan 50mg tablets for the management of acute migraine attacks with or without aura

This PGD allows the provision of a pack of 6 sumatriptan tablets to eligible patients suffering from acute migraine. The inclusion, exclusion and urgent referral criteria are aligned with the [RPSGB guidance](#) for over the counter sale. Where a patient has previously been prescribed sumatriptan and a supply can be made under the emergency supply service (ESS) please continue to use the ESS rather than this PGD.

The PGDs will be available on the minor ailment service tab of [Cornwall joint formulary](#) and PharmOutcomes. Please read, print and sign a copy of the PGDs and keep in your pharmacy. Templates have been added to PharmOutcomes for the new PGDs and these will be in operation from 1 February 2022. Please complete the self-declaration of competence on the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) website for minor ailments within 1 month if you have not already done so, and complete the declaration of competence on PharmOutcomes for all the services.

There is no longer a requirement to return signing sheets for the patient group directions to the NHS Kernow's former office at the Sedgemoor Centre.

Kind regards,

Medicines Optimisation Team
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