

Herefordshire CCG Traffic Light List for Medications

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Herefordshire Health Economy has agreed a 'Traffic Light' classification for drugs that may be prescribed for patients of Herefordshire GPs. The definitions of the classifications are below. Use in conjunction with the Herefordshire Formulary chapters available on the internet at <https://www.herefordshireccg.nhs.uk/your-services/medicines-optimisation/formulary>

AMBER	Medicines which should only be initiated/recommended by specialists but which may then be passed to primary care prescribers for prescribing
AMBER SHARED CARE	Drugs initiated by hospital specialist, but where continuing treatment by Primary Care Prescribers may be appropriate under a shared care arrangement. Shared care guidelines are available or are being developed for most of these – see internet . If no shared care guideline is available, the hospital specialist should provide the Primary Care Prescriber with sufficient information and support to allow treatment to be continued and managed safely in primary care
RED	Drugs for hospital use only. The responsibility for initiation and monitoring treatment should rest with an appropriate hospital clinician and the drug should be supplied via the hospital throughout the duration of treatment. Primary Care Prescribers should not be asked to prescribe
BLACK	Not recommended for prescribing in Primary or Secondary Care except under exceptional circumstances. See Herefordshire Treatment Policy (formerly Low Priority Treatment LPT policy) prescribing section
GREY	Items not recommended but may be prescribable under limited circumstances

The following **drug GROUPS** are listed rather than each individual drug:

- **HIV antiretrovirals** **RED** eg lamivudine/zidovudine all via Homecare and prescribed by specialist team
- **Hepatitis antivirals** eg lamivudine **RED**
- **Pulmonary hypertension drugs** eg ambrisentan, bosentan, iloprost, macitentan, riociguat, sildenafil, tadalafil **RED**
- **IV preparations** **RED**
- **Cancer drugs** are listed where primary care may be asked to prescribe in error eg oral preparations. All cancer treatment is commissioned by NHSE and medicines funding goes direct to Hospital Trusts **RED**
- **“Over the counter” (OTC) preparations** **BLACK** available for self-care, see [Herefordshire LPT](#)
- NHSE categorised **“Low Value Medicines”**, **BLACK** those of low clinical value, see [national guidance](#)
- **NICE “do not do”** recommendations relating to drugs are all included where practical; where not specifically listed assume “black” status and feedback to [Medicines Optimisation Team \(MOT\)](#) **BLACK**

The information contained in this document is issued on the understanding that it is the best available from the resources at our disposal at the time of issue

The traffic light list will be reviewed as required by the Medicines Optimisation Group to take into account new drugs and changes in clinical practice. Messages are on GP IT support systems (ScriptSwitch) wherever possible, please contact the [Medicines Optimisation Team](#) for additional information & advice

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Drug	Comments	Classification
Abatacept	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Abemaciclib (Verzenios®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Abiraterone	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Acamprosate	Maintenance of abstinence from alcohol [in conjunction with substance misuse] see shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Acetylcysteine	NOT for new patients: no longer recommended routinely for pulmonary fibrosis, prescribe as Oronac® for existing patients	AMBER SHARED CARE
Acitretin (Neotigason®)	Dermatology initiation. NB highly teratogenic	AMBER
Acrivastine	Non-formulary, available for purchase	BLACK
Actimel	Probiotic: see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Adalimumab	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Agomelatine	Withdrawn from local formulary on grounds of lack of clinical effectiveness; not included in NICE depression guidelines	BLACK
Albendazole	Unlicensed: not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Alectinib (Alecensa®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Alendronate and Vitamin D (Fosavance)	Use individual components with vitamin D from a calcium combination preparation eg Calci D	BLACK
Aliskiren (Rasilez®)	Restricted to specialist initiation 5 th or 6 th line due to safety concerns : see MHRA guidance	AMBER
Alitretinoin	Dermatology prescribing only	RED
Alprostadil	Erectile dysfunction: secondary care initiation (all formulations)	AMBER
Amifampridine	Firdapse® (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Amorolfine nail lacquer (Loceryl®)	See Herefordshire LPT and PrescQIPP	BLACK
Ampicillin (oral)	Not recommended by microbiology, not included in local antibiotic prescribing guidelines – poor oral absorption	BLACK
Anagrelide	Haematology prescribing only	RED
Apomorphine injection	Parkinson's disease – see shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Apremilast (Otezla®)	Oral biologic not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Aqueous Cream	Not recommended by dermatology – see formulary	BLACK
Armour Thyroid	Desiccated porcine thyroid gland: see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Aspirin EC	Non formulary: no evidence of benefit over dispersible aspirin	GREY
Atomoxetine	For the treatment of ADHD – see shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Azathioprine	Rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease or post-transplant NB not for new transplant patients	AMBER
Baricitinib (Olumiant®)	Oral rheumatology biologic, hospital only. See NICE TA466	RED
Benralizumab (Fasenra®)	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Binimetanib (Mektovi®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Blepharitis products eg eyelid wipes	See Herefordshire LPT for OTC purchase not NHS prescription. See internet for blepharitis care patient leaflet	BLACK
Buprenorphine sublingual (Subutex®)	Substance misuse (Addaction) initiation	AMBER
Buserelin	Not suitable for primary care cancer or gynaecology indications	RED
Buspirone	Specialist initiation, significantly more expensive than alternatives	AMBER
Busulfan	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Cabergoline	Parkinson's disease	AMBER

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Cabozantinib (Cometriq® Cabometyx®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Caffeine mixtures	Must be prescribed as caffeine citrate link to MHRA warning	AMBER
Calcium Folate	Oral drug used in cancer treatment (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Cannabis Spray (Sativex)	Not recommended by NICE - see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Capecitabine	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Capsaicin patch	Non formulary	BLACK
Cefalexin	Not recommended by microbiology – limited use in paediatric UTI see guidance (link)	GREY
Cefradrine	Not recommended by microbiology, non-formulary	BLACK
Cefuroxime oral	Not recommended by microbiology, non-formulary	BLACK
Ceftriaxone	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing Refer to sexual health	RED
Ceritinib (Zykadia®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Certolizumab	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Chlorambucil	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Chorionic Gonadotrophin	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Ciclesonide (Alvesco) ICS	Non formulary: no evidence of benefit over other steroid inhalers	BLACK
Ciclosporin	Rheumatoid Arthritis, various indications – see specialist info	AMBER
Ciclosporin (transplant patients)	Do not prescribe for new renal transplant patients	RED
Ciclosporin eye drops / eye ointment	0.1% drops (Ikervis®): initiated by ophthalmology Ointment: Unlicensed, not suitable for primary care prescribing	AMBER RED
Cilostazol	Not recommended for peripheral arterial disease – NICE	BLACK
Cinacalcet	Primary hyperparathyroidism – NHSE funded, not for primary care Secondary hyperparathyroidism – amber specialist initiated (WVT)	RED AMBER
Cladribine (Mavenclad®)	For Multiple Sclerosis – NHSE commissioned	RED
Clarithromycin XL	Non formulary: no evidence of benefit over standard tablet	BLACK
Clofazimine	For leprosy NHSE commissioned	RED
Clozapine	Not suitable for primary care prescribing: complex monitoring	RED
Co-enzyme Q10 (Ubidecarone)	Health food supplement – see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Co-fluampicil (Magnapen®)	Not recommended by microbiology – poor oral absorption	BLACK
Colistimethate sodium (Colomycin®) nebulas	Shared care for pseudomonas infection in bronchiectasis, respiratory team initiation. Do not prescribe for new CF patients: NHSE commissioned	AMBER SHARED CARE RED
Co-proxamol	Unlicensed, Low Value Medicine , see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Creon	High strength formulations should be initiated by specialists	AMBER
Cyclophosphamide	Oral cancer drug (NHSE commissioned)	RED
	Immunosuppressant in Rheumatology	AMBER SHARED CARE
Cyproheptadine	Hospital only for emergency treatment of SSRI poisoning	RED
Dabrafenib (Tafinlar®)	Oral cancer drug not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Darbepoetin	Not suitable for primary care prescribing due to complex commissioning arrangements; discuss with MOT	RED
Dasatinib	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Degarelix	See shared care - prostate cancer	AMBER SHARED CARE
Degludec insulin (Tresiba®)	Specialist initiation for limited patients e.g. those pre-insulin pump	AMBER

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Denosumab 60mg inj (Prolia®)	See shared care - osteoporosis	AMBER SHARED CARE
Desferrioxamine	Complex therapy not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Desloratadine	See Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Dexamfetamine	Not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Dimethyl fumarate Tecfedera® Skilarence®	Not suitable for primary care prescribing – Tecfedera® dermatologist only, Skilarence® MS – NHSE commissioned	RED
Disulfiram	Maintenance of abstinence from alcohol	AMBER
Donepezil	Specialist initiation (may include community dementia nurses)	AMBER
Dornase alfa	Do not prescribe for new CF patients: NHSE commissioned	RED
Dosulepin	Removed from formulary, Low Value Medicine , safer alternatives	BLACK
Doxazosin MR	See Herefordshire LPT : no evidence of benefit over standard release doxazosin – Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Doxepin	Removed from formulary, safer alternatives available	BLACK
Dronedarone	See MHRA restrictions	AMBER
Dupilumab (Dupixent®)	Injectable drug not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Eflornithine (Vaniqa®)	See Herefordshire LPT and PrescQIPP	BLACK
Eltrombopag	Not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Eluxadoline (Truberzi®)	Specialist initiation (IBS) in line with NICE TA471	AMBER
Emla cream	Non-formulary; limited use in primary care, do not prescribe for renal dialysis patients (provided by dialysis unit)	BLACK
Encorafenib (Braftovi®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Enzalutamide	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Eplerenone	Second line to spironolactone	AMBER
Epoetin	Not suitable for primary care prescribing due to complex commissioning arrangements; discuss with MOT	RED
Eprosartan	Non-formulary: losartan is first line ARB choice	BLACK
Erlotinib	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Esomeprazole	3 rd line PPI (generic prescription only - see Herefordshire LPT)	AMBER
Estramustine	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Etanercept	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Etelcaetide (Parsabiv®)	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Etoposide	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Eye Q	Health food supplement (fish oil) – see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Ezetimibe and simvastatin (Inergy)	The combination tablet is significantly more expensive – ensure ezetimibe use is in line with NICE	BLACK
Famciclovir	Non formulary; 2 cost effective alternatives on formulary	BLACK
Fampridine	Not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Febuxostat	Only in line with NICE TA164	AMBER
Ferric carboxymaltose injection (Ferinject)	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Filgrastim	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Flexitol Heel Balm	See Herefordshire LPT for OTC purchase not NHS prescription	BLACK
Fluoride tablets, toothpaste, mouthwash	See Herefordshire LPT NHS dentist prescribing only (includes Duraphat® toothpaste)	BLACK
Flutamide	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Fluticasone (Flixotide®) nasules	For nasal polyps only	AMBER

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Flutter device (oscillating positive respiratory pressure device)	Not for FP10 prescribing. For issue by specialist physio & other staff for patients with Cystic Fibrosis	BLACK
Fondaparinux	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Fosfomycin	Unlicensed antibiotic, used on advice of a microbiologist only – supply via hospital on GP FP10 (see guidelines)	AMBER
Fulvestrant (Faslodex®)	NICE “do-not-do” recommendation	BLACK
Fumaric Acid Esters (Fumaderm)	Unlicensed: not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Galantamine	Specialist initiation (may include community dementia nurses)	AMBER
Gamolonic acid (e.g. Efamast, Epogam, Evening primrose oil)	See Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Gefitinib	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Glatiramer	Injectable preparation (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Glecaprevir with Pibrentasvir (Maviret®)	Hepatitis C antiviral: not suitable for primary care prescribing (NHSE commissioned – tertiary centres only)	RED
Gliclazide MR	Non formulary - see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Glucosamine	See Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Golimumab (Simponi®)	Injectable product not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Grazax®	Specialist initiation: paediatric or respiratory	AMBER
Head lice treatment including lotions, combs	See Herefordshire LPT for OTC purchase not NHS prescription	BLACK
Hepatitis B & C antivirals	Not suitable for primary care prescribing (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Herbal remedies	See Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
HIV antiretrovirals	All prescribing through secondary care (locally sexual health)	RED
Homeopathy	See Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
HPV vaccine	Cervarix® /Gardasil®: NHS immunisation programme via WVT	RED
Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	See shared care - haematology	AMBER SHARED CARE
Hydroxychloroquine	Rheumatoid Arthritis	AMBER
Ibandronic acid	Non formulary - see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Ibrutinib (Imbruvica®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Idarubicin	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Imatinib	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Imiquimod (Aldara)	Dermatology	AMBER
Inositol nicotinate	Not recommended for peripheral arterial disease – NICE	BLACK
Interferon alfa/beta/gamma incl. all brands eg Rebif®	Injectable preparation (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Isotretinoin	Hospital only - dermatology	RED
Ivermectin – oral	Oral preparation unlicensed do not prescribe (RED)	RED
Ivermectin - topical	Topical preparation (Soolantra®) 2 nd line in rosacea (GREEN)	GREEN 2
Ixazomib (Ninlaro®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Ixekizumab (Taltz®)	Injectable product not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Ketamine (Palliative Care)	Palliative care use only – see shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Lamivudine	Antiviral for HIV or hepatitis: not suitable for primary care prescribing (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Lamivudine/zidovudine	HIV antiretroviral: not suitable for primary care prescribing (NHSE commissioned)	RED

Drug	Comments	Classification
Lanreotide	Injectable product not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Lanthanum (Fosrenol®)	Second line phosphate binder, specialist initiation only	AMBER
Lenalidomide (Revlimid®)	Oral cancer drug (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Lenograstim	Injectable preparation (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Lenvatinib (Lenvima®, Kisplix®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Lesinurad (Zurampic®)	NICE "do-not-do" recommendation	BLACK
Levamisole	Unlicensed: not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Levocarnitine (carnitine)	NHSE commissioned for carnitine deficiency	RED
Levocetirizine	Non-formulary – see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Libre Freestyle® sensor	See commissioning statement – not currently funded	BLACK
Lidocaine Plasters (Versatis® / Ralvo®)	Hospital only for acute respiratory injury, not for long term use Low Value Medicine	RED
Linezolid	Hospital only antibiotic	RED
Liothyronine	See Herefordshire LPT . Do not prescribe except following NHS consultant endocrinologist or psychiatrist initiation Low Value Medicine	BLACK AMBER
Lisdexamfetamine	Currently CAMHS prescribing only, shared care in development	RED
Lithium	See shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Lomustine	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Lormetazepam	Non-formulary high cost benzodiazepine	BLACK
Lutein (eg AREDS, Eyecaps, ICAPS, Vitalux Plus)	See Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Melatonin	Paediatrics including CAMHS: "off label" use – see shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Melphalan	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Memantine	See shared care - dementia . May be recommended for initiation by community dementia nurses	AMBER SHARED CARE
Menotrophin	Injectable infertility treatment, commissioned via secondary care	RED
Mercaptamine (cysteamine)	Specialist use only for nephropathic cystinosis: NHSE funded	RED
Mercaptopurine (IBD)	Inflammatory bowel disease – see shared care 50mg tablets	AMBER SHARED CARE
Mercaptopurine	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing Unlicensed doses eg 10mg capsules	RED
Mesna	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Methadone liquid	Prescribe as Physeptone SF 1mg/ml liquid (substance misuse)	AMBER
Methadone tablets	Specialist drug misuse services for travel only, high risk of misuse	RED
Methotrexate oral	Rheumatology, dermatology, gastro-enterology (shared care) RED if prescribed for cancer (NHSE commissioned)	AMBER / RED
Methotrexate injection	Injectable product not suitable for primary care prescribing unless shared care available from out of County Provider	RED / AMBER
Methylphenidate	ADHD – see shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Mexiletine	Unlicensed preparation	AMBER
Midazolam buccal	Prescribe as Buccolam® pre-filled syringes. Do not prescribe unlicensed versions	AMBER

Drug	Comments	Classification
Midostaurin (Rydapt®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Mifepristone	Hospital only	RED
Minocycline	See Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Mirabegron	See local guidance	AMBER
Modafinil	Neurology	AMBER
Molludab®	See Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Mycophenolate Mofetil (Prescribe generically)	Rheumatology, gastroenterology Do not prescribe for new renal transplant patients	AMBER SHARED CARE
Mycophenolic Acid	Do not prescribe for new renal transplant patients	RED
Nabilone	Includes use of nabilone for pain relief (unlicensed indication)	RED
Naltrexone 50mg tablets	Opioid dependence: prescribing to remain with specialist	RED
Naltrexone 4.5mg & liquid	Non formulary; unlicensed specials	BLACK
Naltrexone / Bupropion (Mysimba®)	NICE “do-not-do” recommendation	BLACK
Nilotinib	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Niraparib (Zejula®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Obeticholic Acid (Ocaliva®)	Hospital only medicine, not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Octreotide	Sub-cut injection (<i>only licensed indications</i>)	AMBER
Omalizumab	Injectable product not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Omega-3 (Omacor®/Maxepa®)	See Herefordshire LPT except following consultant lipidologist initiation for refractory hypertriglyceridaemia Low Value Medicine	BLACK AMBER
Opicapone	2 nd line COMT inhibitor for patients unable to tolerate entacapone	AMBER
Oxcarbazepine	Epilepsy in line with NICE	AMBER
Orlistat (Xenical®)	See Herefordshire LPT : only as part of wider weight management plan under dietetic advice in line with NICE; not primary care	GREY
Oscillating positive expiratory pressure (OPEP) device e.g. Flutter® and Acapella®	Not for FP10 prescribing. For issue by specialist physio & other staff for patients with Cystic Fibrosis	BLACK
OTC (over the counter) medicines	For self-care not NHS prescription: see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Oxycodone and naloxone (Targinact®)	See Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Palbociclib (Ibrance®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Paliperidone oral	Non-formulary, lack of evidence of superiority to risperidone	BLACK
Palivizumab	Injectable preparation (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Pancrease	High strength formulation should be initiated by specialists	AMBER
Parathyroid hormone	Injectable preparation (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Pegfilgrastim	Injectable preparation (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Peginterferon Alfa 2a/2b	Injectable preparation (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Penicillamine	Rheumatology shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Pentoxifyline	Not recommended for peripheral arterial disease – NICE	BLACK
Perampanel	Epilepsy: neurologist initiation	AMBER
Pergolide	Parkinson’s disease	AMBER
Perindopril Arginine	No evidence of benefit over erbumine salt see Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Pirfenidone (Esbriet®)	NHSE commissioned for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis see NICE	RED
Posaconazole	Hospital only antifungal agent (NHSE commissioned)	RED

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Pramipexole	Parkinson's disease	AMBER
Prednisolone EC 5mg	No evidence to suggests offers any benefit over plain prednisolone and in some patients bioavailability may be reduced	GREY
Procarbazine	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Prucalopride	Constipation in women in line with NICE	AMBER
Pulmonary Hypertension drugs	Not suitable for primary care prescribing: complex monitoring, commissioned by NHSE	RED
Ranolazine	Cardiologist initiation	AMBER
Rasagiline	Parkinson's disease	AMBER
Regorafenib (Stivarga®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Ribociclib (Kisqali®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Rifaximin	GI consultant initiation: hepatic encephalopathy in line with NICE	AMBER
Riluzole	Neurology – MND in line with NICE	AMBER
Rivastigmine	Specialist initiation (may include community dementia nurses)	AMBER
Romiplostim (Nplate®)	Injectable drug not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Ropinirole	Parkinson's disease	AMBER
Rosuvastatin	Non formulary due to lack of clinical and cost effectiveness	BLACK
Rotigotine patch	Parkinson's disease	AMBER
Rubefacients	See Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Rufinamide	Anti-epileptic - tertiary centres	RED
Sarilumab (Kevzara®)	Injectable rheumatology biologic, hospital only.	RED
Secukinumab (Cosentyx®)	Injectable drug not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Sevelamer	Phosphate binder	AMBER
Sildenafil (Revatio) Sildenafil liquid, tablets	Pulmonary hypertension (NHSE commissioned)	RED
Sildenafil tablets	For Reynaud's phenomenon: rheumatology initiation	AMBER
Sirolimus	Do not prescribe for new renal transplant patients	RED
Sodium Aurothiomalate (Gold injections)	Rheumatology	AMBER SHARED CARE
Sodium Fluoride toothpaste (Duraphat®)	Dentist prescribing only. See Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Sodium Phenylbutyrate	Hospital only – metabolic disorders	RED
Sofosbuvir / velpatasvir / voxilaprevir (Vosevi®)	Hepatitis C antiviral: not suitable for primary care prescribing (NHSE commissioned – tertiary centres only)	RED
Somatropin (Growth Hormone)	All prescribing to be retained by secondary care	RED
Sorafenib (Nexavar®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Sore throat lozenges and sprays	See Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
St John's Wort	See Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Sulfasalazine	Rheumatology	AMBER SHARED CARE
Sunitinib	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Tacrolimus (systemic)	Do not prescribe for new renal transplant patients	RED
Tadalafil once daily	Non formulary - see Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Tamsulosin tablets	Prescribe as capsules or Tabphyn MR	BLACK
Tapentadol prolonged release	Non formulary opioid – lack of evidence of benefit over formulary options	BLACK
Tegafur (Tseysuno®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED

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Telmisartan	Non-formulary: losartan is first line ARB choice	BLACK
Temozolamide	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Teriparatide	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Thalidomide	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Tioconazole (Trosyl®)	Non formulary - see Herefordshire LPT	BLACK
Tioguanine	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Tiopronin	Unlicensed treatment of cystinuria – see shared care	AMBER SHARED CARE
Tivozanib (Fotivda®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Tizanidine	Neurology	AMBER
Tobramycin nebulas	Cystic Fibrosis: home care delivery via specialist (NHSE) – RED Bronchiectasis: AMBER – shared care in development	RED AMBER
Tocilizumab	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Tofacitinib (Xeljanz®)	Hospital only: not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Tramadol and paracetamol (Tramacet®)	See Herefordshire LPT Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Trametinib (Mekinist®)	Oral cancer drug not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Travel Vaccines	See local overseas travel guidance for vaccines allowed on NHS Low Value Medicine	RED
Treosulfan	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Tretinoin capsules	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Trimipramine	Removed from formulary, low value medicine, safer alternatives Low Value Medicine	BLACK
Urofollitropin (high purity)	Infertility Treatment, specialist supply only	RED
Ustekinumab (Stelara®)	Injectable drug not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Valganciclovir	Hospital only antiviral not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Valsartan	Non-formulary: losartan is first line ARB choice	BLACK
Vandetanib (Caprelsa®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Venetoclax (Venclyxto®)	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Vigabatrin	Epilepsy in line with NICE	AMBER
Vinorelbine	Oral cancer drug - not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED
Voriconazole	Hospital only antifungal agent (NHSE commissioned)	RED
VSL#3	Probiotic bacteria for the treatment of chronic, frequently-recurring pouchitis where remission is induced by antibiotics. GI consultant initiation	AMBER
Xonvea® (doxylamine / pyridoxine)	Not approved for formulary until further evidence / national guidance	BLACK
Zoledronic acid Injection	Injectable preparation not suitable for primary care prescribing	RED