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**NURSE PRESCRIBING IN ENGLAND :
CROSS BORDER DISPENSING ARRANGEMENTS**

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Purpose

Addressees

The purpose of this letter is to inform community pharmacists and appliance suppliers of the arrangements for dispensing prescriptions in Scotland arising from nurse prescribing demonstration sites in England.

For action:

General Managers,
Health Boards

For information

General Manager,
Common Services Agency

General Manager,
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General Manager
Health Education Board
for Scotland

Chief Executives,
NHS Trusts

To be copied to Unit
General Managers CAPOs,
CANOs and CAMOs for
information

Background

Nurse prescribing is to be introduced from 3 October at eight community demonstration sites for the purpose of developing and testing the management and financial arrangements of nurse prescribing. Any prescriptions arising from these demonstration sites in England and being presented for dispensing in Scotland should be dispensed in the normal way and forwarded to PPD for reimbursement.

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Health Boards are asked to ensure that this letter is drawn to the attention of all chemist contractors and appliance suppliers in their area.

Yours sincerely

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Chemist Contractors
Appliance Suppliers

NURSE PRESCRIBING : DISPENSING ARRANGEMENTS

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise chemist contractors and appliance suppliers about dispensing any prescriptions emanating from the nurse prescribing demonstration sites in England which may be presented to them by NHS patients.

Background

With effect from 3 October 1994, nurse prescribing will be introduced at eight community demonstration sites in England to develop and test the management and financial arrangements of nurse prescribing. From that date prescriptions from any of the English demonstration sites presented in Scotland will need to be dispensed under the normal NHS arrangements.

Nurse Prescribers

Nurse prescriber means a nurse or health visitor who is qualified to order listed drugs and medicines and listed appliances on a NHS prescription form. Nurse prescribers are first level nurses on the professional register who have a registered health visiting qualification or a recorded district nurse qualification and who have successfully completed nurse prescribing training of a standard considered sufficient by the United Kingdom Central Council (for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting), the UKCC.

Preparations which nurses may prescribe under the Drug Tariff

Medicinal preparations - see Annex A

Appliances and Reagents (including Wound Management Products) - see Annex B

Prescription Forms FP10(CN) and FP10(PN)

The prescription forms are identical to the normal FP10 used in England, except for their colour. For practice nurses the form is an FP10(PN) and is LILAC. For health visitors and district nurses employed by a community unit or trust it is a FP10(CN) and is GREEN.

Action by Dispensers

The usual arrangement to the dispensing of prescription forms will apply. Nurse prescriptions dispensed by chemist contractors or appliance suppliers should be collated separate from the normal GP10s, and forwarded with them to PPD who will arrange re-embursement. Any query arising from the prescription should be referred to the practice. The telephone number is shown on the prescription form with the prescriber's name and practice address.

Any questions arising from this Memorandum should be referred to the Scottish Office Home and Health Department at the address below.

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NURSE PRESCRIBERS' LIST

List of preparations approved by the Secretary of State which may be prescribed on forms FP10(CN) and FP10(PN) by Nurses for National Health Service patients

Medicinal Preparations

- Aqueous Cream, BP
 Arachis Oil Enema, NPF
 Aspirin Tablets, Dispersible, 300 mg, BP
 Bisacodyl Suppositories, BP (includes 5-mg and 10-mg strengths)
 Bisacodyl Tablets, BP
 Calamine Cream, Aqueous, BP
 Calamine Lotion, BP
 Calamine Lotion, Oily, BP 1980
 Carbaryl alcoholic lotions containing at least 0.5%
 Carbaryl aqueous lotions containing at least 0.5%
 Carbaryl shampoos containing at least 0.5%
 Catheter Maintenance Solution, Chlorhexidine, NPF
 Catheter Maintenance Solution, Mandelic Acid, NPF
 Catheter Maintenance Solution, Sodium Chloride, NPF
 Catheter Maintenance Solution, 'Solution G', NPF
 Catheter Maintenance Solution, 'Solution R', NPF
 Clotrimazole Cream 1%, BP
¹Dextranomer Beads, NPF
¹Dextranomer Paste, NPF
 Dimethicone barrier creams containing at least 10%
 Docusate Capsules, NPF
 Docusate Enema, NPF
 Docusate Enema, Compound, NPF
 Docusate Oral Solution, NPF
 Docusate Oral Solution, Paediatric, NPF
 Emulsifying Ointment, BP
 Glycerol Suppositories, BP
 Hydrous Ointment, BP
 Ispaghula Husk Granules, Effervescent, NPF
 Ispaghula Husk Powder, Effervescent, NPF
 Lactulose Solution, BP
 Lignocaine Gel, BP
 Lignocaine Ointment, NPF
 Lignocaine and Chlorhexidine Gel, BP
 Lindane Lotion, NPF
 Lindane Shampoo, NPF
 Magnesium Hydroxide Mixture, BP
 Magnesium Sulphate Paste, BP
 Malathion alcoholic lotions containing at least 0.5%
 Malathion aqueous lotions containing at least 0.5%
 Malathion shampoos containing at least 1%
 Mebendazole Tablets, NPF sufficient to order on one prescription enough for a 100-mg dose for the oral treatment of enterobiasis in an adult or child over 2 years of age followed if necessary by a second 100-mg dose two weeks later
 Miconazole Oral Gel, 15-g tube, DPF
 Paracetamol Oral Suspension, BP (includes 120 mg/5 mL and 250 mg/5 mL strengths—both of which are available as sugar-free formulations)
 Paracetamol Tablets, BP
 Paracetamol Tablets, Soluble, NPF
 Permethrin Cream, NPF
 Permethrin Cream Rinse, NPF
 Phenothrin Alcoholic Lotion, NPF
 Phosphates Enema (Formula B), BP
 Piperazine Citrate Elixir, BP
 Piperazine and Senna Powder, NPF
 Povidone-Iodine Aqueous Solution, NPF
 Senna Granules, Standardised, BP
 Senna Oral Solution, NPF
 Senna Tablets, BP
 Senna and Ispaghula Granules, NPF
 Sodium Chloride Solution, Sterile, BP
 Sodium Citrate Compound Enema, NPF
 Sterculia Granules, NPF
 Sterculia and Frangula Granules, NPF
 Thymol Glycerin, Compound, BP 1988
 Titanium Ointment, NPF
 Zinc and Castor Oil Ointment, BP

1. Dextranomer Paste Pad Dressings, included as appliance in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff, are also prescribable

Appliances and Reagents (including Wound Management Products)

In the Drug Tariff appliances and Reagents which may not be prescribed by Nurses are annotated Ⓢ

Chemical Reagents

The following as listed in Part IXR of the Drug Tariff:

- Detection Tablets for Glycosuria
- Detection Tablets for Ketonuria
- Detection Strips for Glycosuria
- Detection Strips for Ketonuria
- Detection Strips for Proteinuria
- Detection Strips for Blood Glucose

Also in BNF section 6.1.6. Items not in the Drug Tariff (and thus not prescribable) are described as NHS in the BNF. Although glucose for glucose tolerance test is in section 6.1.6 it is not on the Nurse Prescribers' List

Fertility (Ovulation) Thermometer as listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff

Corresponds to Fertility Thermometer in BNF section 7.3.4

Film Gloves, Disposable, EMA as listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff

Elastic Hosiery as listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff

Also in BNF Section 13.13.10

Hypodermic Equipment

The following as listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff:

- Hypodermic Syringes—U100 Insulin
- Hypodermic Syringe Carrying Case
- Screw cap to convert Hypodermic Syringe Carrying Case for use with Pre-set U100 Insulin Syringe
- Hypodermic Syringe—Single Use or Single-patient Use, U100 Insulin with Needle
- Hypodermic Needles—Sterile, Single-use
- Lancets—Sterile, Single-use
- Needle Clipping Device

Also in BNF section 6.1.1.3. Items not in the Drug Tariff (and thus not prescribable) are described as NHS in the BNF

Incontinence Appliances as listed in Part IXB of the Drug Tariff

Also in BNF Appendix 8: Incontinence Appliances

Pessaries, Ring as listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff

Stoma Appliances and Associated Products as listed in Part IXC of the Drug Tariff

Also in BNF Appendix 8: Stoma Appliances

Urethral Catheters as listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff

Also in BNF Appendix 8: Urethral Catheters

Urine Sugar Analysis Equipment as listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff

Also in BNF section 6.1.6

Wound Management and Related Products (including bandages, dressings, gauzes, lint, stockinette, etc)

The following as listed in Part IXA of the Drug Tariff:

- Absorbent Cottons
- Absorbent Cotton Gauzes
- Absorbent Cotton and Viscose Ribbon Gauze. BP 1988
- Absorbent Lint. BPC
- Arm Slings
- Cellulose Wadding, BP 1988
- Cotton Conforming Bandage, BP 1988
- Cotton Crêpe Bandage, BP 1988
- Crêpe Bandage, BP 1988
- Elastic Adhesive Bandage, BP
- Elastic Web Bandages
- Gauze and Cellulose Wadding Tissue. BP 1988
- Gauze and Cotton Tissues
- Heavy Cotton and Rubber Elastic Bandage, BP
- High Compression Bandages (Extensible)
- Knitted Polyamide and Cellulose Contour Bandage, BP 1988
- Knitted Viscose Primary Dressing, BP, Type 1
- Multiple Pack Dressing No. 1
- Multiple Pack Dressing No. 2
- Open-weave Bandage, BP 1988, Type 1
- Paraffin Gauze Dressing, BP
- Perforated Film Absorbent Dressing
- Polyamide and Cellulose Contour Bandage, BP 1988
- Povidone-Iodine Fabric Dressing, Sterile
- Skin Closure Strips, Sterile
- Sterile Dressing Packs
- Stockinettes
- Surgical Adhesive Tapes
- Suspensory Bandages, Cotton
- Swabs
- Titanium Dioxide Elastic Adhesive Bandage. BP
- Triangular Calico Bandage, BP 1980
- Vapour-permeable Adhesive Film Dressing, BP
- Vapour-permeable Waterproof Plastic Wound Dressing, BP, Sterile
- Wound Management Dressings (including gel, colloid and foam)
- Zinc Paste Bandages (including both plain and with additional ingredients)

Also in BNF section 13.13. Items not in the Drug Tariff (and thus not prescribable) are described as NHS in the BNF. Although Chlorhexidine Gauze Dressing BP, Framycetin Gauze Dressing BP, and Sodium Fusidate Gauze Dressing BP are in section 13.13 they are not on the Nurse Prescribers' List