

ELMMB Formulary Update

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BLACK traffic Light - not recommended for prescribing in primary or secondary care.

- **Opicapone** (*Ongentys*® ▼) - Adjunctive therapy to preparations of levodopa/DOPA decarboxylase inhibitors in adult patients with Parkinson's disease – [see new medicine recommendation](#)
- **ELHE Nicotine Replacement Therapy** [Position Statement](#)
- **Alimemazine** – removed from formulary. [More cost effective products available](#)
- **ELHE Gluten Free** [Position Statement](#)
- **Nefopam** [Position Statement](#)

RED traffic light - Primary care prescribers should not be asked to prescribe (** denotes NHS England Commissioned)

- **Potassium citrate matrix tablets** (*Urocit*®) – changed to RED traffic light as unlicensed product.
- **Sofosbuvir-velpatasvir** ** (*Epclusa*) – Chronic hepatitis C – an option by [NICE TA430](#)
- **Pembrolizumab** (*Keytruda*) ** – PD-L1-positive non-small-cell lung cancer after chemotherapy – an option by [NICE TA428](#)
- **Everolimus** (*Afinitor*®) ** - Advanced renal cell carcinoma after previous treatment – an option by [NICE TA432](#)
- **Ibrutinib** (*Imbruvica*) ** – Previously treated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia and untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia with 17p deletion or TP53 mutation – an option by [NICE TA429](#)
- **Apremilast** (*Otezla*) - Active psoriatic arthritis – an option by [NICE TA433](#)
- **Pomalidomide** (*Imnovid*) ** – Multiple myeloma previously treated with lenalidomide and bortezomib – an option by [NICE TA427](#)
- **Mepolizumab** (*Nucala*) ** Severe refractory eosinophilic asthma – an option by [NICE TA431](#)

AMBER Traffic Light - initiated by specialists but may then be passed to primary care for prescribing

- **Perampanel** – Traffic Light switched from RED to AMBER
- **Sodium Chloride** oral solution 5mMol/mL – electrolyte imbalance
- **Omeprazole 10mg dispersible** tablets – (prescribe as Losec MUPS) for use in paediatrics only [PIL link](#)

GREEN Traffic Light - may be prescribed by all prescribers within local or national recommendations

- **Pregabalin** (Alzain® Axalid®) – prescribe by brand [See SPC for exclusions](#)
- **Promethazine** - cost effective alternative to Alimemazine

Guidelines

- [Uncomplicated UTI - guidance updated](#)
- [Apomorphine - Shared care guideline](#)
- [Covert Medication for Care Homes \(updated in line with legislation changes\)](#)
- [Chemotherapy Network Guideline for use of Aransep®](#)
- [Medicine Support Needs – Pharmacy process to assess patients' needs for medicines support.](#)
- [Specialist Infant Formula Feeds – Prescribing Guidelines](#)
- [Opioid Tapering & Stopping Guidelines](#)
- [Opioid Reduction Pathway](#)
- [Prescribing for trans-gender patients](#)

Other

- [Medicines Management Board Minutes 2017](#)
- [Drug Safety Update April 2017](#)
- [NICE Bites April 2017](#)
- [Prescribing Hot Topics](#)
- [Pennine Lancashire Research Policy](#)
- [Medicine Sick Day Rules for HCPs](#)
- [Degarelix Prescribing Information Sheet](#)