

SECTION 4: FORMULARY PROCESSES

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1. INTRODUCTION

The GG&C Formulary predominantly consists of prescription only medicines (POMs) with some medicines included which can be classified as POM/P/GSL depending on packaging. In some sections there are preparations included which are classified as medical devices rather than medicines.

New medicines are often classified as POMs and therefore are expected to go through the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC). However, other classes of medicines and medical devices are not expected to go through SMC, and therefore, do not automatically get considered for Formulary inclusion. How these preparations are dealt with is described below.

2. MEDICAL DEVICES

Consideration for inclusion in the GG&C Formulary will be given for medical devices meeting the following criteria:

- The medical device is listed in the British National Formulary (BNF)
- The medical device is prescribable on a GP10 prescription

Medical devices meeting the above criteria will be considered either by the Formulary Appeals Process or at the discretion of the Formulary and New Drugs Subcommittee.

The BNF take into account the following when considering the inclusion of a medical device:

- the medical device is likely to be prescribed in primary or secondary care
- there is a clearly intended medical purpose for prescribing the medical device
- the medical device is to be used in conjunction with a medicine
- the medical device usually accompanies a medical product
- the therapeutic benefit has been established for the medical device
- it is possible to describe a dose for the medical device
- the medical device is on the ACBS list

3. PHARMACY ONLY (P) MEDICINES

Pharmacy Only medicines will be evaluated and considered for the main Formulary only if it is either a new chemical entity and/or at the discretion of the FND subcommittee. Other P medicines may be considered for the inclusion in the Minor Ailment Scheme assuming the inclusion is not in direct contradiction to the main medicines formulary.

4. HERBAL AND HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINES

ADTC has recognised that prescribers would welcome advice regarding herbal and homeopathic medicines, but considering these products for Formulary inclusion would not be appropriate as efficacy and cost-effectiveness have not been demonstrated as required for other Formulary medicines.