

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Medicines Committee
Summary of Main Points from the Meeting held on the 10th of October 2011

2. Minutes and Summary Notes from last meeting

The Minutes and Summary notes were approved with a minor amendment and will be circulated.

3. Matters Arising

The committee noted the matters arising from the previous meeting.

4. New Medicines Applications

Formulary Applications

- **Dexamethasone Intravitreal implant (Ozurdex)**

Decision: Approved. Tariff Excluded Medicine. Individual Funding Request required.

In line with NICE TA 229, dexamethasone intravitreal implant is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with macular oedema following either branch retinal vein occlusion or central retinal vein occlusion. The anticipated number of patients per annum is 10 requiring 2 x 6 monthly doses. The estimated primary care cost per year is £20,880.

- **Ranibizumab for Diabetic Macular Oedema**

Decision: deferred until the NICE decision following the Final Appraisal determination appeal meeting in October.

5. Medicines Management /Medicines Policy

- **Appendix – Concentrated Potassium Solutions – minor amendment**

The appendix has been updated with a minor amendment to remove the requirement for the consultant name to be entered in the CD register when making an individual supply.

- **Policy for the Provision of Additional Private Care (General) – review**

This policy has reached its review date and has been updated with a minor amendment to remove reference to a separate policy for cancer medicines.

- **Procedure for the Supply of Discharge Medicines by Nurses/Midwives from Ward Cupboards - minor amendment**

This was amended to satisfy NMC requirements which state that the standard labelling requirements for dispensed items must be completed when GSL/P packs of medicines are supplied by nurses/midwives to patients. This requirement is over and above MHRA guidance. The committee agreed that patients should be encouraged to buy these medicines from community pharmacies.

6. NICE Guidance September 2011

There were no new medicines related NICE Technology Appraisals for September. Formulary status will be updated in line with NICE guidance. The committee approved the Formulary update for abatacept.

7. IVIG Update October 2011

There were 15 IVIG issues in October 2011 with 7 new requests.

- One was for polymyositis (grey indication) – private patient
- One was for sensory ganglionopathy (grey indication)
- One was for chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (red indication)
- Three were for Kawasaki disease (red indication)
- One was for idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura - adult (red indication)

The committee also approved the monographs for immunoglobulin preparations, Vigam[®] and Kiovig[®] for inclusion in the IV Guide.

8. Items for Noting

The following items were noted by the Committee:

- **Unlicensed Medicinal Products List**

The committee noted the unlicensed medicinal products list is a reminder to prescribers of the unlicensed status of certain medicines supplied by Pharmacy.

- **HIV Drugs Sub-committee Minutes July 2011 List – for information**

The committee noted the challenge to meet the homecare targets and that a number of patients have requested to start anti-retroviral therapy despite CD4 count >500 and when no other factors are present.

- **Local Chemotherapy Group Minutes May 2011– for information**

**Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Medicines Committee**

- **Trust Non-medical Prescribers List Updated**– *for information*
- **List of Medicines and Indications for Funding by the Cancer Drug Fund in London**
A formulary application is required for degarelix and has been requested from Dr Brock.
- **2011-2012 - Medicines Management Programme of Development September 2011**– *for information*

9. Papers to go to the Trust Quality Committee

The following papers should be sent to the Trust Quality Committee

- Medicines Committee Summary Notes September 2011
- Policy for the Provision of Additional Private Care (General) – review

10. Date of the next meeting

Monday 14th of November 2011 8.00 – 9.00am (Boardroom) Closing date: Friday 28th of October 2011