

**PACE SHORTS No 7 March 2014 (summarises February 2014 meeting of PACEF)**



Drug	Indication	Decision	Notes
Minocycline	Acne	RED-RED	Minocycline is no longer recommended as a treatment for acne & has been removed from the Lincolnshire Joint Formulary. Lymecycline 408mg capsules are the preferred alternative. Minocycline retains a limited role for atypical mycobacterial infections & folliculitis decalvans (designated RED for these indications)
Aripiprazole prolonged release injection ( <i>Abilify Maintena</i> )	Depot anti-psychotic for schizophrenia	RED	Approved for use within LPFT as an alternative to risperidone - requests to prescribe in primary care should be referred back to the specialist service. Monthly injection of 400mg (£220.41); non-inferior to oral aripiprazole in trials; does not need to be refrigerated. NB. All new initiations of depot antipsychotics are the responsibility of LPFT, but GPs are asked to continue prescribing for existing patients until LPFT community health teams are in a position to provide the service.
Imiquimod cream 5% ( <i>Aldara</i> )	Actinic keratoses, superficial basal cell carcinomas, genital warts	AMBER	Re-classified as AMBER without shared care - can be prescribed within primary care subject to initiation or advice of a dermatologist.
Lubiprostone capsules 24mcg ( <i>Amitiza</i> )	Chronic constipation	RED-RED	Osmotic laxative (acts on chloride channels). Limited trial data; more effective than placebo in 3 RCTs of 4 weeks duration. No comparative data with other laxatives. Licence is limited to 2 weeks treatment due to diminishing activity but only available as 4 week pack (£59.36, 56 caps ) NICE TA expected Autumn 2014.
Oxycodone standard release capsules (5mg, 10mg & 20mg) <i>Shortec, Lynlor</i> .	Opioid analgesic	GREEN	Two new branded formulations of immediate release oxycodone capsules that offer 30% cost saving on generic oxycodone immediate release capsules or OxyNorm.

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