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VERSION 2.3.0

Dear dm+d User,

**Update to certain Phenol concepts on dm+d**

A National Patient Safety Alert was issued in August 2021 about liquefied phenol [NaPSA-Liquefied-Phenol-FINAL-v5.pdf (england.nhs.uk)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/NaPSA-Liquefied-Phenol-FINAL-v5.pdf). The Safety Alert lists actions to be completed as soon as possible and no later than 25th February 2022 including:

* Amending electronic prescribing systems to ensure liquefied phenol 80% (*and above*) cannot be prescribed.

To support this initiative, the VMP Prescribing Status has been amended to ‘Never Valid to Prescribe as a VMP’ for the following VMPs. The VMP name descriptions have also been updated as follows:

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| **VMP Name** | **VMP updated Name** |
| Phenol 80% cutaneous solution | Phenol 80% cutaneous solution – should NOT be prescribed |
| Phenol 90% cutaneous solution | Phenol 90% cutaneous solution – should NOT be prescribed |
| Phenol 95% cutaneous solution | Phenol 95% cutaneous solution – should NOT be prescribed |
| Phenol liquefied | Phenol liquefied – should NOT be prescribed |

Please note: AMPs linked to the aforementioned VMPs have been updated with the added information; ‘should NOT be prescribed’.

**Advanced notice:** For Monday 11th April, we also plan to add a further new value under the AMP Availability Restrictions flag, as follows:

* ‘For Patient Safety Consideration’

This new value will be able to support this and other safety initiatives in the future as appropriate.

**dm+d Representation of new Part VIIID Drug Tariff Section**

As per the note in the NHS England and Wales February 2022 Drug Tariff Preface page iii [Tariff.book (nhsbsa.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/Drug%20Tariff%20February%202022.pdf" \t "_blank), there is to be a new Part VIIID section concerning ‘Arrangements for payment for specials and imported unlicensed medicines to be paid relative to an identified pack size’. This new section will be effective from 1 March 2022.

In the NHS dm+d, these products will be reflected by having a new Part VIIID payment category value at the VMPP level.

**dm+d Supplementary Files BNF Information**

This is advanced notice that we are updating the BNF information held against concepts in the Supplementary Files from April.

We are aiming to support the following approach:

* To provide a more comprehensive authoring of BNF content (this will be ongoing)
* To focus on BNF Chapter information at the VMP level
* At VMP level to have a single BNF Chapter entry at VMP (reflecting the first marketing authorisation/primary indication as appropriate)

**Advance Notice Regarding VMPP Drug Tariff Price Attribute**

As per the NHS dm+d Technical Specification of Data Files document ([Technical Specification of Data Files for the Primary Care Drug Dictionary (nhsbsa.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2017-02/Technical_Specification_of_data_files_R2_v3.1_May_2015.pdf)), the Drug Tariff Price field (and previous price) can be up to a maximum of 6 (six) digits. We have a VMP on dm+d ‘Chenodeoxycholic acid 250mg capsules’ that requires more digits at VMPP level here.

This is therefore advance notice that in early March 2022 we will be implementing a fix to increase the Drug Tariff price field to be up to a maximum of 8 (eight) digits.

**Dose Syntax Related Enquiries**

Enquiries on the aforementioned topic should please be sent to: [information.standards@nhs.net](mailto:information.standards@nhs.net)

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**DHSC require these concepts to be made available and visible (similar to licensed medicines) in prescribing and dispensing systems for the time being.**

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| **Specials/Imports added at request of DHSC to mitigate shortages in the supply chain** | | | |
| **AMP Name** | **AMP SNOMED Code** | **Import/Special** | **dm+d extract date** |
| Desmopressin 150micrograms/dose nasal spray | 38955011000001100 | Imported | 14/09/2020 |
| Desmopressin 150micrograms/dose nasal spray | 38996011000001101 | Special Order | 21/09/2020 |
| Phenelzine 15mg capsules | 38947211000001100 | Special Order | 14/09/2020 |
| Phenelzine 15mg capsules | 39000111000001109 | Imported | 21/09/2020 |
| Fluoxetine 10mg tablets | 38962111000001102 | Imported | 14/09/2020 |
| Cloral betaine 707mg tablets | 39069011000001104 | Imported | 12/10/2020 |
| Danazol 100mg capsules | 39069211000001109 | Special Order | 12/10/2020 |
| Danazol 200mg capsules | 39069611000001106 | Special Order | 12/10/2020 |
| DDAVP 100micrograms/ml intranasal solution | 39124811000001107 | Imported (Canada) | 02/11/2020 |
| DDAVP 100micrograms/ml intranasal solution | 39125011000001102 | Imported (Netherlands) | 02/11/2020 |
| DDAVP 100micrograms/ml intranasal solution | 39125211000001107 | Imported (Germany) | 02/11/2020 |
| Modecate Concentrate 100mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules | 39132811000001104 | Imported (Germany) | 09/11/2020 |
| Modecate 25mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules | 39132211000001100 | Imported (Germany) | 09/11/2020 |
| Modecate 25mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules | 39132411000001101 | Imported (Denmark) | 09/11/2020 |
| Chloral hydrate 143.3mg/5ml oral solution BP | 39517711000001107 | Special Order | 12/04/2021 |

**Invalidations**

None

**Advance Notice of Invalidations**

None

Kind regards

dm+d Authoring Team