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Dear dm+d User,

**Workpackage to Support Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances (ACBS) dietician experts and Impacts on SNOMED codes**

This is advanced notice that over the course of the next few months, in the region of 400 to 450 food substance AMPs will be invalidated and moved to different VMPs.

The NHSBSA is supporting an initiative by Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances (ACBS) dietician experts to improve the clinical categorisation / classification of food substances.

We are mindful that where new SNOMED codes are used that this can add challenges to EPS until prescribing and dispensing systems are aligned. We will therefore try to communicate changes as best we can but this will also need yourselves as dm+d users to please monitor this weekly communication and for system suppliers to please refresh and update your drug dictionary data with the most recent version of the dm+d files available.

More information will be communicated over the forthcoming weeks. In the meanwhile if you have any further questions, please email nhsbsa.dmdenquiries@nhs.net

**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 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)

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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 |
| Cloral betaine 707mg tablets | 39069011000001104 | Imported | 12/10/2020 |
| 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