Prescribing Guidance
The medicine you have selected is Amber Level 2

This licensed medication is suitable for prescribing in primary care after specialist assessment and initiation. We have started your patient on the selected medicine for the condition stated in the traffic light list. We will continue to see the patient and prescribe this medicine until the patient (and their condition) is stable. After this period the GP will be asked to take over prescribing and monitoring responsibilities. A specific amber guidance is not required.

Secondary care clinician responsibilities
- Diagnosis of condition and ensuring other treatment options have been fully explored
- To initiate treatment
- Liaison with the General Practitioner (GP) to take over prescribing of the amber medicine using a written request
- Advising GP on dose to be prescribed and any titration schedule if appropriate
- Advising if medication should be prescribed by brand
- Outlining to the GP when therapy may be reduced and stopped assuming no relapse in patient’s condition. Review periods to be agreed
- Responding to issues raised by GP

GP responsibilities
- Checking for allergies, interactions and contra-indications when taking over prescribing and when changing treatment
- Prescribing the amber medicine after receiving request from secondary care clinician
- Monitoring the patient’s overall health and wellbeing, observing patient for evidence of ADRs and liaising with secondary care clinician if necessary. Routine disease monitoring should continue
- Ensuring advice is sought from the secondary care clinician if there is any significant change in the patient’s physical health status that may affect prescribing or appropriateness of the amber medicine
- Reducing/stopping treatment in line with secondary care clinician’s original request

Patient/carer responsibilities
- To be responsible for taking this medication as prescribed
- To understand the potential for adverse events and report these to the GP
- To check with the community pharmacist that there are no interactions with this medication, when buying any over the counter medicines or herbal/homoeopathic products
- To check with dentists or other specialists who may prescribe medicines that there are no interactions with this medication
- To contact the GP, Specialist or Medicines Information patient helpline if further information or advice is needed about this medication
Consult the BNF and SPC for full and current prescribing information. Link to Leeds formulary.

Contact Names and Details

Medicines Information phone number and e-mail: 0113 2064344 medicines.info@nhs.net

Medicines Information Patient Helpline phone number: 0113 2064376

Specialist who makes request via switchboard: LGI 0113 2432799
SJUH 0113 2433144

Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust
Medicines Information phone number and e-mail: 0113 8556319
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Patient information leaflets:
www.choiceandmedication.org/leedsandyorkpft