

East Surrey CCG, Guildford & Waverley CCG, North West Surrey CCG, Surrey Downs CCG & Surrey Heath, North East Hampshire & Farnham CCG, Crawley CCG, Horsham & Mid-Sussex CCG

Prescribing Clinical Network

Policy Statement	Pentosan capsules for the treatment of interstitial cystitis
Policy No:	PCN 63-2013
Date of Issue	26 th June 2013
Review Date:	June 2016 <i>(Unless new published evidence becomes available before this date OR there is new published national guidance e.g. NICE)</i>
<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>The Prescribing Clinical Network supports the use of pentosan for interstitial cystitis after all other treatment options have been trialled.</p> <p>The PCN acknowledged there is evidence to support its use however due to low estimated patient numbers and its unlicensed nature, prescribing by GPs is not supported and it is to be considered as RED on the traffic light system.</p>	
<p>Key Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The network noted that there is published evidence to support its use - It is not licensed for use in the UK and must be ordered on an individual patient basis. - Consultant urologists support its use in patients for whom all other treatment options have been tried e.g. 4th or 5th line treatment after cystodistention, dietary modifications, intravesicular hyaluronic acid. 	
Date taken to Prescribing Clinical Network	26 th June 2013
Agreed by PCN members	July 2013