

Surrey & North West Sussex Area Prescribing Committee (APC)

Policy Statement	Dronedarone
Policy No:	APC 440-2019
Date of Issue	August 2019
Review Date:	August 2022 <i>(Unless new published evidence becomes available before this date OR there is new published national guidance e.g. NICE)</i>
Recommendations:	
<p>The Area Prescribing Committee recommends that dronedarone must only be initiated for the maintenance of sinus rhythm after successful cardioversion in adult clinically stable patients with paroxysmal or persistent atrial fibrillation (AF) in exceptional circumstances when there is a clinical need for dronedarone to be prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where other treatments cannot be used or have failed OR • In line with NICE Guidance CG180 https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CG180 <p>In these circumstances dronedarone must be initiated by a specialist and will be considered as RED on the traffic light system for the above indications. Patients currently being prescribed dronedarone in primary care should be reviewed and referred back to specialist care if appropriate.</p>	
Key Considerations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS England guidance 'Items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care: Guidance for CCGs' Version 2, June 2019 https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/items-which-should-not-routinely-be-prescribed-in-primary-care-v2.1.pdf • Dronedarone was originally approved to prevent atrial fibrillation from coming back or to lower the heart rate in adults who have had or have non-permanent atrial fibrillation. In September 2011 this indication was restricted to the maintenance of normal heart rhythm in 'persistent' or 'paroxysmal' atrial fibrillation after normal heart rhythm has been restored. This followed a review of data that became available since its authorisation including data from the PALLAS study. https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/nejmoa1109867 • NICE clinical guideline on Atrial Fibrillation (AF) CG 180 puts greater emphasis on rate rather than rhythm control and has clarified the place of dronedarone in the treatment pathway. https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg180 	
Date taken to Area Prescribing Committee	7 th August 2019
Agreed by APC members	27 th August 2019



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