

Surrey & North West Sussex Area Prescribing Committee

Policy Statement	Low molecular weight heparin treatment in patients unable to take oral anticoagulants (excluding Obstetric patients and those on current cancer chemotherapy)
Policy No:	PCN 464-2019
Date of Issue	6th December 2019
Review Date:	December 2019
<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>The Area Prescribing Committee recommends the use of low weight molecular heparins (LWMH) for the treatment of VTE in those patients who are unable to take oral anticoagulants (excluding obstetric patients and those on current cancer chemotherapy).</p> <p>LMWH will be considered BLUE (no information sheet) on the traffic light system for the above indications.</p> <p>The specialist should prescribe the initial 1st month of drug treatment. Primary care can take over prescribing upon receipt of an agreed treatment plan from the specialist, which must include details of drug dosage, possible side-effects, and action to take if problems arise, as per local guidance.</p> <p>LMWH will be considered RED for all other patient groups in this indication.</p> <p>Primary care prescriber should ensure that patient medication records include any medicine for which prescribing remains the responsibility of secondary or tertiary care. This will ensure that GP records, which are accessed by other healthcare providers, are a true and accurate reflection of the patient's medication</p>	
<p>Key Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local haematologists consider that patients currently on chemotherapy, or pregnant patients should remain the responsibility of the hospital as monitoring can be complex for these patients. • Patients on palliative care who also require LWMH treatment but find it difficult to attend hospital should be able to have the treatment prescribed by GPs. 	
Date taken to Area Prescribing Committee	4 th December 2019
Agreed by APC members	

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