

We are moving to online prescribing during September 2019

Important information you should know

Formeo is the IT system we will use to deliver an Online Prescribing approach for patients receiving **wound care by a Practice or District Nurse or within a Nursing Home in Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge**. If patients are self-caring they can be provided with dressings from the stock but must be regularly reviewed. Non-healing wounds of any kind should be referred to the Tissue Viability team.

In order to ensure this works effectively we will introduce location points:

- ✓ Every identified location of staff will act as a delivery location
- ✓ Deliveries will be made within a 24-48 hours turn around
- ✓ Items not on the agreed Formulary will require additional authorisation.

Some dressings must continue to be prescribed on FP10: why is this?

1. **The confusion:** The word 'Dressings' covers a wide variety of products and not all of them actually are used as wound dressings so there are some grey areas. See Box*
2. **Not introducing an unnecessary hurdle for patients or staff:** GPs need to continue some prescribing where the patient may not actually be managed or reviewed by a community nurse. Examples are childhood eczema or when care is provided by a carer or mother under supervision of a specialist service such as Great Ormond Street (the rare condition Epidermolysis Bullosa).
3. **When a BHR registered patient lives in a borough outside of BHR such as Newham or Essex.** The impact for some practices will vary and this will be monitored
 - a. If the patient is housebound and resides outside of BHR they will **require a prescription** for dressings for home management by the local services. They cannot access Formeo. [The exception here is Waltham Forest: there will be a reciprocal agreement in place because NELFT access the ONPOS online scheme.]
 - b. If the patient is seen by the practice nurse in the GP Practice, the patient is provided with dressings from Formeo
4. Compression **Hosiery** is not a dressing and thus is **not** part of this scheme* but **compression bandages** are provided by this scheme through the nurse's stock.
5. Emollient px is excluded

Where prescribing needs to stop:

1. Repeat prescriptions for management at home for housebound patients. The dressings will be provided by the DN team from their stock.
2. Repeat prescriptions for management at a Nursing Home in BHR will be managed by as current by their hosted practice or the patients registered practice. The dressings will be provided by the practice out of their stock

3. For patients who are self-managing. This group must be reviewed on a regular basis by their GP practice and provided with their dressings from the stock. This ensures that non-healing is identified and they remain in the pathway for successful management

What items GPs continue to prescribe*:

- Products for Tracheostomy Management [Provox, gauze swabs]
- Products for childhood eczema management [e.g. stockinette , Ichthopaste bandages, Coban bandages]
- All equipment and occasional dressings for Stoma Management [e.g. stoma bags, film dressings, gauze]
- Dressings for IV therapy (unless being managed by the DN)
- Tubigrip or elasticated tubular bandage when not for wound care [e.g. for joints] ***NB Long term swelling issues, refer to Lymphoedema Service.***
- PEGs or suprapubic catheters: gauze or simple dressings. If they are purulent then a nurse should review and refer to TVN.

If you have questions or need help or clarification:

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Please ensure your Locum GPs understand this scheme