Surrey & North West Sussex Area Prescribing Committee

Policy Statement	Domperidone for the treatment of nausea and vomiting in patients with Parkinson's disease
Policy No:	APC 468-2019
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Recommendations:

The Area Prescribing Committee recommends the use of domperidone for the treatment of nausea and vomiting in patients with Parkinson's disease, as recommended within the NICE CKS guidance https://cks.nice.org.uk/parkinsons-disease

Domperidone will be considered **GREEN** on the traffic light system for this indication.

Prescribers should ensure that the patient understands the risks and consents to using domperidone off-label from its licensed indication, and should be mindful of the SPC and MHRA alert (2014) regarding cardiac side effects.

Treatment duration is restricted to a maximum of one week in all patients which limits its usefulness in this indication.

Key Considerations:

- MHRA alert in 2014 : Domperidone: risks of cardiac side effects
- MHRA Drug Safety Update December 2019: https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/domperidone-for-nausea-and-vomiting-lack-of-efficacy-in-children-reminder-of-contraindications-in-adults-and-adolescents
- NICE Clinical Knowledge Summary on Parkinson's disease - https://cks.nice.org.uk/parkinsons-disease
- If nausea and vomiting persists, is severe, or is unrelated to levodopa or dopamine antagonist drug treatment:
    - Do not use metoclopramide or prochlorperazine anti-emetics – can cause or exacerbate parkinsonism..
    - Consider prescribing low-dose domperidone, reducing or stopping it when the nausea and vomiting settles.
    - If domperidone is ineffective or not tolerated, seek specialist advice.

Date taken to Area Prescribing Committee	4th December 2019
Agreed by APC members	23rd December 2019

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