

Surrey & North West Sussex Area Prescribing Committee (APC)

<b>Policy Statement</b>	Minocycline for Acne
<b>Policy No:</b>	APC 441-2019
<b>Date of Issue</b>	August 2019
<b>Review Date:</b>	August 2022 <i>(Unless new published evidence becomes available before this date OR there is new published national guidance e.g. NICE)</i>
<p><b>Recommendations:</b> The Area Prescribing Committee does not recommend the use of minocycline for acne.</p> <p>Minocycline will be considered BLACK on the traffic light system for the use in acne. Prescribers should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOT initiate minocycline for any new patient with acne AND</li> <li>• Switch patients taking minocycline for acne to an alternative in line with NICE guidance</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Key Considerations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS England guidance 'Items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care: Guidance for CCGs' Version 2, June 2019 <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/items-which-should-not-routinely-be-prescribed-in-primary-care-v2.1.pdf">https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/items-which-should-not-routinely-be-prescribed-in-primary-care-v2.1.pdf</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Acne vulgaris - NICE CKS</a> advises <i>Minocycline is not recommended for use in acne as it is associated with an increased risk of adverse effects such as drug induced lupus, skin pigmentation and hepatitis.</i></li> <li>• A PrescQIPP CIC review found there is no evidence to support the use of one tetracycline over another in terms of efficacy for the treatment of acne vulgaris and alternative once daily products are available.</li> <li>• <a href="#">NICE Key Therapeutic Topic: Minocycline (KTT11 - Jan 2015)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Stemming the tide of antimicrobial resistance: implications for management of acne vulgaris</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Date taken to Area Prescribing Committee</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
<b>Agreed by APC members</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2019

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