

Prescribing of Dressings on FP10

In 2018 upon publication of the revised Surrey Heartlands Wound Management Formulary, (updated 2021) a request was made by the APC to the Surrey Wound Management Formulary Group to clarify when primary care prescribers may prescribe wound management products on FP10.

All the products on the Surrey Heartlands Wound Formulary have been selected, following research and review of available clinical evidence by the Wound Management Formulary Group and approved by the APC and are expected to provide treatment options for the majority of situations.

Wound Management products are supplied by NHS Supply Chain (NHSSC) in conjunction with Healthcare Partners Ltd (HPL) using the Online Non Prescription Ordering Service (ONPOS™) platform provided by Coloplast™ as a service to medicine.

The Surrey Heartlands Wound Management Operational Group (WMOG) of the Medicines Management Team are available to support prescribers via the dedicated email: syheartlandsccg.surreywounds@nhs.net There is a wide range of Wound Management products available on the formulary for immediate use.

The principles agreed at the Wound Management Formulary group are as below:

- 1. Prescriptions (FP10s) should not be used as a route for formulary or non-formulary prescribing.**
2. Prescription requests from Community Nurses (DNs), Practice Nurses (PNs) and Care Home staff for non- formulary products should not be prescribed. Patients transferred with non-formulary dressings should be reassessed for a formulary product. (See point 5 for exceptions)
3. Larger sizes of all formulary products are not normally available on the ONPOS list to prevent overstocking and wastage of these rarely used items. However, your local TVN has access to some larger sizes. If clinicians require additional larger sized products, please email syheartlandsccg.surreywounds@nhs.net who can liaise with Health Care Partners Ltd to arrange supply if appropriate.
4. In exceptional circumstances Tissue Viability Clinical Nurse Specialist (TVCNS) may write a clinical rationale for prescribing a non-formulary item. The TVCNS will also inform the Wound Management Operational Group at syheartlandsccg.surreywounds@nhs.net

5. Prescriptions can be issued for patients with rare conditions requiring tertiary oversight and an individualised care plan. This includes people with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) and other diagnosed conditions from tertiary centres who will recommend suitable products to use. (For new cases, inform Medicines Management Team due to potentially non formulary/high-cost prescribing)
6. Fungating Tumours may require additional products to be prescribed. Specialist advice should be accessed from the TVCNS or the Palliative Care Team for recommended products for symptom control.
7. FP10's should not be issued for a temporary dressing replacement where a stock shortage of the formulary product has occurred. The shortages are anticipated to be short term issue and are managed by WMOG. Information is available on ONPOS.
8. Acute Wounds such as surgical wounds, minor injuries, skin-tears may require short term treatment by HCPs, who can provide an appropriate dressing from ONPOS. As they remain under their care and FP10 should not be issued.

Self Care

- Currently there are patients receiving long term prescriptions for Wound Management products while declining regular clinical review - currently described as Self-Care.
- This is clinically inappropriate, and patients should not be allowed to continue self-care for more than 3 months without a clinical review.
- To support this a Shared Care Document is being prepared based on local guidelines and National Wound Care Strategy Group

There is a process for requesting additions to the Surrey Wound Management Formulary. Contact medicines management by email via syheartlandscg.surreywounds@nhs.net where the procedure will be explained.

This document should reduce the need for FP10 prescribing and increase formulary adherence.

This paper was delayed due to COVID-19 pressures and the wound procurement project.