

Prescribing Clinical Network

<b>Policy Statement</b>	Prolonged-release Doxazosin (also known as Doxazosin Modified Release)
<b>Policy Number</b>	PCN 307-2018
<b>Date of Issue</b>	January - 2018
<b>Review Date:</b>	January - 2021 <i>(Unless new published evidence becomes available before this date OR there is new published national guidance e.g. NICE)</i>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	
<p>The Prescribing Clinical Network does not recommend the use of prolonged-release doxazosin</p> <p>Prolonged-release doxazosin will be considered <b>BLACK</b> on the traffic light system and prescribers should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOT initiate prolonged release doxazosin in any new patient; AND</li> <li>• For current patients - In reviewing prescribing of this drug, consider if doxazosin remains the best option for the therapeutic indication. If still indicated switch patients taking prolonged released doxazosin to immediate release doxazosin, in line with NHS England guidance</li> </ul>	
<b>Key Considerations:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS England guidance 'Items which should not routinely be prescribe in primary care: Guidance for CCGs' - <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/items-which-should-not-be-routinely-prescribed-in-pc-ccg-guidance.pdf">https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/items-which-should-not-be-routinely-prescribed-in-pc-ccg-guidance.pdf</a></li> <li>• Prolonged-release doxazosin is approximately six times the cost of doxazosin immediate release</li> <li>• NICE CG127 Hypertension in adults: diagnosis and management recognises that doxazosin should be used in treatment but does not identify benefits of prolonged-release above immediate release.</li> <li>• NICE CG97 Lower urinary tract symptoms in men: management recommends Doxazosin as an option in men with moderate to severe lower urinary tract symptoms. It does not identify benefits of Prolonged-release above immediate release.</li> </ul>	
<b>Date taken to Prescribing Clinical Network</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Agreed by PCN members</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018

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