



CONSEJO GENERAL DE ENFERMERÍA

Listado de medicamentos que las enfermeras del Reino Unido pueden prescribir en su ejercicio profesional diario

Items prescribable by nurses through the Nurse Prescribers' Extended Formulary

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Independent nurse prescribers who have trained to prescribe from the Extended Formulary are able to prescribe those General Sales List and Pharmacy medicines currently prescribable by GPs at NHS expense plus a list of Prescription Only Medicines which will enable them to manage a range of specified medical conditions - as listed below.

N.B. Extra medical conditions and medicines added to the NPEF from 1 May 2005 are shown in red. Extra indications for existing medicines are also shown in *italics*.

[Note: Nurses should not prescribe for medical conditions that are not included in this list - see also the Frequently Asked Questions section of this website and Part XVIIIB(ii) of the Drug Tariff]

Central Nervous System (new category)

Acute dystonias

Acute severe pain after trauma

Changing painful dressings

Nausea and vomiting

Prophylaxis and treatment of nausea and vomiting in the postoperative period

Recurrent generalised tonic-clonic seizures

Circulatory

Acute myocardial infarction

Acute pulmonary oedema associated with cardiac failure

Angina pectoris

Fluid replacement and potassium replacement (hypovolaemia and dehydration)

Haemorrhoids

Phlebitis – superficial

Plasma substitutes for patients with a low blood volume

“Thromboprophylaxis” - defined as prophylaxis against venous thrombosis (including congestive heart failure, in bed-bound patients, and perioperatively) and for acute coronary syndrome

Ventricular fibrillation or pulseless ventricular tachycardia

Ear

Furuncle

Otitis externa

Otitis media

Wax in ear

Endocrine

Hyperglycaemia

Hypoglycaemia

Eye

Blepharitis

Conjunctivitis, allergic

Conjunctivitis, infective

Corneal trauma

Diagnostic use in ophthalmology

Local anaesthetic for ophthalmic conditions

Tear deficiency

Gastro-intestinal conditions

Constipation

Gastro-enteritis

Heartburn

Infantile Colic

Pre-surgery prophylaxis against acid aspiration

Worms – threadworms

Immunisations

Routine childhood and specific vaccinations

Infections (new category)

Emergency treatment of suspected meningococcal septicaemia or meningococcal meningitis

Spreading cellulitis usually of a limb with a risk of, or an established, lymphangitis

Tetanus prophylaxis and treatment

Musculoskeletal

Back pain - acute, uncomplicated

Neck pain - acute, uncomplicated

Pain and inflammation

Soft tissue injury

Sprains

Oral conditions

Aphthous ulcer

Candidiasis, oral

Dental abscess

Dental infections

Gingivitis

Stomatitis

Poisoning (new category)

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Respiratory

Acute attacks of asthma

Acute exacerbation of chronic bronchitis

Acute nasopharyngitis (coryza)

Acute reversible airways obstruction (acute severe asthma or acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)

Anaphylaxis

Conditions requiring oxygen supplementation (e.g. hypoxaemia)

Croup

Laryngitis

Pharyngitis

Rhinitis, allergic

Sinusitis, acute

Tonsillitis

Skin

Abrasions

Acne

Animal and human bites

Boil/carbuncle

Burn/scald

Candidiasis, skin

Chronic skin ulcer

Dermatitis, atopic

Dermatitis, contact

Dermatitis, seborrhoeic

Dermatophytosis of the skin (ringworm)

Herpes labialis

Impetigo

Insect bite/sting

Lacerations

Local anaesthetic for occasions when procedure requires it

Local anaesthetic for suturing of lacerations

Molluscum contagiosum

Nappy rash

Pediculosis (head lice)

Pruritus in chicken pox

Psoriasis

Scabies

Urticaria

Warts (including verrucas)

Substance Dependence

Acute alcohol withdrawal

Smoking cessation

Urinary system

Urinary tract infection (women) - lower, uncomplicated

Female genital system

Bacterial vaginosis

Candidiasis, vulvovaginal

Contraception

Dysmenorrhoea

Emergency Contraception

Laboratory confirmed uncomplicated genital chlamydia infection (and the sexual partners of these patients)

Menopausal vaginal atrophy

Preconceptual counselling

Trichomonas vaginalis infection (and the sexual partners of these patients)

Male genital system

Balanitis

Palliative Care

Anxiety

Bowel colic

Candidiasis, oral

Confusion

Constipation

Convulsions and restlessness

Cough

Dry mouth

Excessive respiratory secretions

Fungating malodorous tumours

Muscle spasm

Nausea and vomiting

Neuropathic pain in palliative care

Pain control

For the purpose of extended formulary nurse prescribing, this means the palliative care of patients with advanced, progressive illness

**LIST OF PRESCRIPTION ONLY MEDICINES
FOR PRESCRIBING BY EXTENDED FORMULARY NURSE PRESCRIBERS
ORAL ANTIBIOTICS MARKED * - SEE SEPARATE LIST BELOW FOR
INDICATIONS**

Drug	Route of administration, use or pharmaceutical form
Acetylcysteine	Parenteral
Aciclovir	External
Acrivastine	Oral
Adapalene	External
Adrenaline	Parenteral
Alclometasone dipropionate	External
Alimemazine tartrate (trimeprazine tartrate)	Oral
Alteplase	Parenteral
Amiodarone	Parenteral
Amitriptyline hydrochloride	Palliative care - oral
Amorolfine hydrochloride	External
Amoxicillin trihydrate*	Oral
Aspirin	Oral
Azelaic acid	External
Azelastine hydrochloride	Ophthalmic, nasal
Azithromycin dihydrate*	Oral
Baclofen	Palliative care - oral
Beclometasone dipropionate	External, nasal, <i>inhalation</i>
Bemiparin sodium	Parenteral
Benzatropine mesilate	Parenteral
Benzylpenicillin sodium	Parenteral
Betamethasone sodium phosphate	Aural, nasal
Betamethasone valerate	External, rectal
Budesonide	Nasal, <i>inhalation</i>
Calcipotriol	External
Calcitriol	External
Carbamazepine	Palliative care – oral, rectal
Carbaryl	External
Carbenoxolone sodium	Mouthwash
Cefotaxime sodium	Parenteral
Ceftriaxone Sodium	Parenteral
Certoparin sodium	Parenteral
Cetirizine hydrochloride	Oral
Chloramphenicol	Ophthalmic
Chlorphenamine maleate	Parenteral
Cimetidine	Oral, <i>Parenteral</i>

Cinchocaine hydrochloride	Rectal
¹ Clavulanic Acid	Oral
Clindamycin phosphate	External, vaginal
Clobetasone butyrate	External
Clotrimazole	External
Codeine phosphate	Oral
Conjugated oestrogens (equine)	External
Co-phenotrope	Oral
Cyclizine hydrochloride	Oral
Cyclizine lactate	Parenteral
Dalteparin sodium	Parenteral
Dantrolene sodium	Palliative care - oral
Dantron	Oral
² Desogestrel	Oral
Desoximetasone	External
Dexamethasone	Aural
Dexamethasone isonicotinate	Nasal
Dexamethasone sodium phosphate	Oral
Dextran 70	Parenteral
Diazepam	Oral, parenteral and rectal
Diclofenac diethylammonium	External
Diclofenac potassium	Oral
Diclofenac sodium	Oral, rectal, <i>ophthalmic</i>
Dihydrocodeine tartrate	Oral
Dolesetron mesilate	Oral and parenteral
Domperidone	Oral and rectal
Domperidone maleate	Oral
Doxycycline*	Oral
Doxycycline hyclate*	Oral
Econazole nitrate	External, vaginal
Emedastine	Ophthalmic
Enoxaparin	Parenteral
Erythromycin*	External, oral
Erythromycin ethyl succinate*	Oral
Erythromycin stearate*	Oral
Estradiol	External
Estriol	External
² Ethinylestradiol	Oral
Etonogesterel	Implant
² Etynodiol diacetate	Oral
Famotidine	Oral
Felbinac	External
Fenticonazole nitrate	Vaginal
Fexofenadine hydrochloride	Oral

Flucloxacillin magnesium*	Oral
Flucloxacillin sodium*	Oral, <i>parenteral</i>
Fluconazole	Oral
Fludroxycortide (flurandrenolone)	External
Flumazenil	Parenteral
Flumetasone pivalate	Aural
Flunisolide	Nasal
Fluocinolone acetonide	External
Fluocinonide	External
Fluocortolone hexanoate	External, rectal
Fluocortolone pivalate	External, rectal
Flurbiprofen	Lozenges
Fluticasone propionate	External, nasal
Furosemide	Oral and parenteral
Fusidic acid	External
Gabapentin	Palliative care - oral
Gelatin 3.5 – 4%	Parenteral
Gentamicin sulphate	Aural
2Gestodene	Oral
Glucagon hydrochloride	Parenteral
Glucose	Parenteral
Glucose 5%	Parenteral
Glucose 5% with Potassium (K⁺ 40 mmol/L) ready made infusion bag	Parenteral
Granisetron hydrochloride	Parenteral
Heparin sodium	Parenteral for the purpose of cannulae flushing
Hexastarch	Parenteral
Human soluble insulin	Parenteral
Hydrocortisone	External including rectal
Hydrocortisone acetate	External including rectal, aural
Hydrocortisone butyrate	External
Hydrocortisone sodium succinate	Lozenges, <i>parenteral</i>
Hydroxyethyl starch	Parenteral
Hyoscine butylbromide	Palliative care – parenteral
Hyoscine hydrobromide	Palliative care – oral, parenteral
Ibuprofen	External, oral
Ibuprofen lysine	Oral
Imipramine hydrochloride	Palliative care - oral
Ipratropium bromide	Nasal, <i>inhalation</i>
Isotretinoin	External
Ketoconazole	External
Ketoprofen	External
Levocabastine hydrochloride	Nasal and ophthalmic

Levomepromazine	Oral and parenteral
2Levonorgestrel	Oral
Lidocaine hydrochloride	External, parenteral
Lithium succinate	External
Lodoxamide trometamol	Ophthalmic
Loperamide hydrochloride	Oral
Loratadine	Oral
Lorazepam	Oral, parenteral
Lymecycline*	Oral
Mebendazole	Oral
2Medroxyprogesterone acetate	Injection
2Mestranol	Oral
Metoclopramide hydrochloride	Oral and parenteral
Metronidazole*	Oral, external, vaginal, rectal
Metronidazole benzoate*	Oral
Miconazole	Dental lacquer
Miconazole nitrate	External, vaginal
Midazolam	Parenteral
Minocycline hydrochloride*	Oral
Mizolastine	Oral
Mometasone furoate	External, nasal
Naloxone	Parenteral
Nedocromil sodium	Ophthalmic
Nefopam hydrochloride	Oral
Neomycin sulphate	Aural
Neomycin undecenoate	Aural
Nitrofurantoin*	Oral
Nizatidine	Oral
2Norethisterone	Oral
2Norethisterone acetate	Oral
2Norethisterone enanthate	Parenteral
2Norgestimate	Oral
2Norgestrel	Oral
Nortriptyline hydrochloride	Palliative care - oral
Nystatin	External, local mouth treatment, vaginal
Omeprazole	Oral
Omeprazole sodium	Parenteral
Ondansetron Hydrochloride	Oral and parenteral
Oxbuprocaine hydrochloride	Ophthalmic
Oxytetracycline dihydrate*	Oral
Paracetamol	Oral
Penciclovir	External
Pentastarch	Parenteral
Piroxicam	External

Prednisolone	Oral
Prednisolone hexanoate	Rectal
Prednisolone sodium phosphate	Aural, Oral
Prilocaine	External and parenteral
Prochlorperazine mesilate	Oral and rectal
Prochlorperazine maleate	Oral, rectal and buccal
Proxymetacaine hydrochloride	Ophthalmic
Ranitidine hydrochloride	Oral, <i>parenteral</i>
Retepase	Parenteral
Salbutamol sulphate	Inhalation
Silver sulphadiazine	External
Sodium chloride 0.9%	Parental, for reconstitution of injections and for the purpose of cannulae flushing
Sodium chloride 0.9% & Glucose 5% ready made infusion bag	Parenteral
Sodium chloride 0.45% & Glucose 5% ready made infusion bag	Parenteral
Sodium chloride 0.9% with Potassium (K ⁺ 40 mmol/L) ready made infusion bag	Parenteral
Sodium chloride 0.45% and Glucose 5% with Potassium 20mmol per 500 ml ready made infusion bag	Parenteral
Sodium cromoglycate	Ophthalmic
Sodium fusidate	External
Streptodornase	External
Streptokinase	External, <i>parenteral</i>
Sulconazole nitrate	External
Tacalcitol	External
Tenecteplase	Parenteral
Tetanus immunoglobulin	Parenteral
Terbinafine hydrochloride	External
Terbutaline sulphate	Inhalation
Tetracycline hydrochloride*	External, oral
Tetracaine	External
Tinzaparin sodium	Parenteral
Tretinoin	External
Triamcinolone acetonide	Aural, external, nasal, oral paste
Trimethoprim*	Oral
Tropicamide	Ophthalmic
Tropisetron hydrochloride	Parenteral
3Tuberculin PPD	Injection
Unfractionated Heparin	Parenteral
3Vaccine, Adsorbed Diphtheria	Injection
3Vaccine, Adsorbed Diphtheria and	Injection

Tetanus	
3Vaccine, Adsorbed Diphtheria and Tetanus for Adults and Adolescents	Injection
3Vaccine, Adsorbed Diphtheria for Adults And Adolescents	Injection
3Vaccine, Adsorbed Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	Injection
3Vaccine, Adsorbed Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid and Pertussis (Acellular Component)	Injection
3Vaccine, BCG	Injection
3Vaccine, BCG Percutaneous	Injection
Vaccine – Combined Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis, inactivated poliomyelitis and haemophilus influenza type B	Parenteral
3Vaccine, Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)	Injection
3Vaccine, Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib) with Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	Injection
3Vaccine, Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib), Diphtheria, Tetanus and Acellular Pertussis	Injection
4Vaccine, Hepatitis A	Injection
4Vaccine, Hepatitis A with Typhoid	Injection
4Vaccine, Hepatitis A, Inactivated, with Recombinant (DNA) Hepatitis B	Injection
4Vaccine, Hepatitis B	Injection
Vaccine – Inactivated Poliomyelitis	Parenteral
4Vaccine, Influenza	Injection
3Vaccine, Live Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	Injection
3Vaccine, Meningococcal Group C Conjugate	Injection
3or 4Vaccine, Meningococcal Polysaccharide A and C	Injection
Vaccine – Meningococcal Polysaccharide A, C, W135 and Y	Parenteral
4Vaccine, Pneumococcal	Injection
3Vaccine, Poliomyelitis, Live (Oral)	Oral
3Vaccine, Rubella, Live	Injection
4Vaccine, Tetanus, Adsorbed	Injection
Vaccine, Typhoid, Live Attenuated (Oral)	Oral

4Vaccine, Typhoid, Polysaccharide	Injection
Water for Injections	Parenteral

***Oral antibiotics and indications considered suitable for nurse prescribing**

Drug Indication

5Amoxicillin trihydrate	Lower urinary tract infection (women), animal and human bites, <i>acute exacerbation of chronic bronchitis, dental infections</i>
Azithromycin dihydrate	Laboratory-confirmed uncomplicated genital chlamydial infection, plus sexual partners of these patients
Doxycycline hyclate	Acne, animal and human bites, laboratory-confirmed uncomplicated genital chlamydial infection, plus sexual partners of these patients
Doxycycline monohydrate	Acne, animal and human bites, laboratory confirmed uncomplicated genital chlamydial infection, plus sexual partners of these patients
Erythromycin	Impetigo, animal and human bites, laboratory-confirmed uncomplicated genital chlamydial infection, plus sexual partners of these patients, <i>spreading cellulitis usually of a limb with a risk of, or an established lymphangitis, dental infections.</i>
Erythromycin ethyl succinate	Impetigo, animal and human bites, laboratory confirmed uncomplicated genital chlamydial infection, plus sexual partners of these patients, <i>spreading cellulitis usually of a limb with a risk of, or an established lymphangitis, dental infections.</i>
Erythromycin stearate	Impetigo, animal and human bites, laboratory-confirmed uncomplicated genital chlamydial infection, plus sexual partners of these patients, <i>spreading cellulitis usually of a limb with a risk of, or an established lymphangitis, dental infections</i>
Flucloxacillin magnesium	Impetigo, <i>spreading cellulitis usually of a</i>

	<i>limb with a risk of, or an established lymphangitis</i>
Flucloxacillin sodium	Impetigo, <i>spreading cellulitis usually of a limb with a risk of, or an established lymphangitis</i>
Lymecycline	Acne
Metronidazole	Animal and human bites; fungating malodorous tumours; bacterial vaginosis; trichomonas vaginalis infection plus sexual partners of these patients, <i>dental infections.</i>
Metronidazole benzoate	Animal and human bites, <i>dental infections.</i>
Minocycline hydrochloride	Acne
Nitrofurantoin	Lower urinary tract infection (women)
Oxytetracycline dihydrate	Acne, animal and human bites, <i>acute exacerbation of chronic bronchitis.</i>
Tetracycline hydrochloride	Acne
Trimethoprim	Lower urinary tract infection (women)

1 Present as potassium clavulanate in co-amoxiclav

2 Nurse Prescribers in Family Planning Clinics – where it is not appropriate for nurse prescribers in family planning clinics to prescribe contraceptive drugs using form FP10(P) (forms FP10(CN) and FP10(PN) in Wales, they may prescribe using the same system as doctors in the clinic.

³ Centrally supplied vaccine excluded from reimbursement via prescription route

4 High Volume Personally Administered Vaccine. Claims for these vaccines should be ordered on form FP34D

5 With Clavulanic acid (as co-amoxiclav) for animal and human bites

The products listed in the Nurse Prescribers' Extended Formulary (NPEF) can be used singly or in combination, if appropriate.

Extended Formulary nurse prescribers are required to prescribe only within their professional competence and in accordance with the advice in the NPEF and professional guidance; **and only for the medical conditions listed in the Formulary.**

On the advice of the Specialist Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance, the oral antibiotics in the Nurse Prescribers' Extended Formulary can only be prescribed for the specific conditions indicated in the Formulary.

Information about appropriate combinations of medicines for use in specific conditions should be sought from relevant clinical sources and guidelines.

Note : Nurses are recommended to prescribe generically, except where this would not be clinically appropriate or where there is no approved generic name – see the Nurse Prescribers' Formulary for District Nurses and Health

Visitors, the Nurse Prescribers' Extended Formulary, the BNF and the Drug Tariff.

Nurse Prescribers' Formulary, BNF and Drug Tariff

The Nurse Prescribers' Formulary for District Nurses and Health Visitors and the Nurse Prescribers' Extended Formulary are set out in the Drug Tariff, the Nurse Prescribers' Formulary 2003-2005 and the British National Formulary. Copies of the Drug Tariff and either the Nurse Prescribers' Formulary or the British National Formulary are made available periodically to nurse prescribers. Copies of all of these publications are distributed through a central contact point in each PCT or NHS Trust. Nurse prescribers who do not have a copy should contact the nurse prescribing lead in their PCT or NHS Trust. The WDC contacts listed elsewhere on this website are responsible for co-ordinating requirements of PCTs and Trusts within the area covered by the WDC.