



Circular 026/18

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High Tech Hub Ordering and Management System (High Tech Hub)

Dear Pharmacist,

The focus of the next phase of deployment for the High Tech Hub is Cystic Fibrosis. From the 19th September 2018, the 33 drug codes used in the treatment of Cystic Fibrosis and listed in Appendix 1 will only be available for order via the hub.

The suppliers of some or all of these drugs are:

- Almac (New)
- Gilead (New)
- PCO
- Uniphar
- United Drug
- Vertex (New)

The most efficient way to place orders is to use the hub to set up your preferred high tech supplier(s) or alternatively you can select a preferred supplier(s) at drug level. It is vitally important that you set up your preferred supplier as soon as you access the hub for the first time. If you previously set up your preferred supplier(s) you may need to refresh this to include above new suppliers.

If your patient is on one of these drugs for another licenced indication please enter this prescription on the high tech hub and order these drugs via this mechanism.

The current authorisation process for Orkambi and Kalydeco will be automated as part of the CF deployment. Existing patients that have authorisation codes for Orkambi and Kalydeco will be preauthorised. For new patients, please upload a copy of the prescription to the hub, if not already on the hub. PCRS will complete hospital checks per agreed reimbursement protocol.

Please note that we are updating our User Guide and FAQ documents continuously and these are available under the help section on the High Tech Hub application. Please ensure you inform your staff and locums of this process.

The support team in the High Tech Co-Ordination Unit can be contacted by email, pcrs.hitech@hse.ie or by phone 01 864 7135. If you need to fax the unit you can do so on 01 8914899.

Your continued cooperation regarding the High Tech Hub is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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APPENDIX 1 – Cystic Fibrosis Drugs

Code	Description	INN
88749	Bramitob 300mcg/4ml nebuliser	Tobramycin
88132	Cayston 75mg pdr. and solv. for nebuliser soln	Aztreonam
88254	Colobreathe 1,662,500iu inhalation powder hard caps	Colistimethate
88797	Kalydeco 50mg oral granules sachets	Ivacaftor
88799	Kalydeco 75mg oral granules sachets	Ivacaftor
88134	Kalydeco 150mg film coated tabs	Ivacaftor
88564	Linezolid (Accord healthcare) 600mg tabs	Linezolid
88399	Linezolid (Actavis) 600mg tabs	Linezolid
88413	Linezolid (Clonmel) 600mg tabs	Linezolid
88416	Linezolid (KRKA) 600MG tabs	Linezolid
88410	Linezolid (Rowex ltd) 600mg tabs	Linezolid
88412	Linezolid (Teva) 600mg tabs	Linezolid
88420	Noxafil 100mg gastro-resistant tabs	Posaconazole
88380	Noxafil 40mg/ml oral suspension	Posaconazole
88889	Orkambi 100/125 film coated tabs	Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor
88791	Orkambi 200/125mg film coated tabs	Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor
88135	Pulmozyme 2.5mg/2.5ml amp	Dornase alfa
88576	Quinsair 240mg neb soln	Levofloxacin
88373	Tobi 28 mg podhaler inhalation pdr, hard caps and inhalers	Tobramycin
88882	Tobi 28mg (PCO) podhaler inhalation powder	Tobramycin
88370	Tobi 300mg/5ml amps	Tobramycin
88448	Tobi clear pharmacy 300mg/5ml amps	Tobramycin
88213	Vfend 200mg tabs	Voriconazole
88429	Vfend 40mg/ml pdr for oral susp	Voriconazole
88212	Vfend 50mg tabs	Voriconazole
88258	Vfend P.C.O. 200mg tabs	Voriconazole
88638	Voriconazole (Accord healthcare) 200mg film coated tabs	Voriconazole
88637	Voriconazole (Accord healthcare) 50mg film coated tabs	Voriconazole
88566	Voriconazole (Rowex) 200mg tabs	Voriconazole
88593	Voriconazole (Teva) 200mg tabs	Voriconazole
88362	Zyvox 100mg/5ml oral suspension	Linezolid
88361	Zyvox 600mg tabs	Linezolid
88893	Tymbrineb 300mg/5ml nebuliser solution (ampoules)	Tobramycin