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High Tech Hub Ordering and Management System

Dear Pharmacist,

The High Tech Ordering and Management System (High Tech Hub) is live with all community pharmacies as of the 27th of March 2018. All IVF products are now processed through the High Tech Hub.

The focus of the next phase of deployment is Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH). From the 29th May, 2018, the 25 drug codes used in the treatment of PAH and listed in Appendix 1 will only be available for order via the hub.

The suppliers of some or all of these drugs are:

- Allphar
- Clonmel Healthcare
- GSK
- HE Clissman
- Pfizer
- Uniphar
- United Drug

The most efficient way to place orders is to use the hub to set up your preferred high tech supplier or alternatively you can select a preferred supplier 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.

We would like to bring your attention to circular 026/06 which states that, in accordance with the PAH protocol which contains agreed clinical criteria, the terms of the High Tech Medicinal Products Scheme must be observed with regards to prescribing and dispensing. The protocol has been revised and attached for your information and is effective as of Tuesday, 29th May, 2018.

As per this protocol, the drugs outlined in appendix 1 must be prescribed by one of the approved consultants from The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, The Children's Hospital Crumlin, University Hospital Limerick or University Hospital Cork.

The HSE has conducted a review of the existing patients receiving these drugs. There are established patients on these drugs that have been initiated outside of the specialist centres. These patients will continue to receive their treatment and these products will be reimbursed by PCRS.

If your patient is on one of these drugs for another licenced indication please send a copy of the script to PCRS by email or fax for review (details below).

PCRS will only consider reimbursement for listed drugs that have been prescribed by one of the approved consultants. If a patient presents with a prescription from a non-approved source they should be directed to one of the specialist centres.

In accordance with the PAH protocol the maximum patient review period of 3 months has now been extended to 6 months in line with normal prescription standards unless the prescriber states otherwise.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Marie Hoey".

Anne Marie Hoey,
Assistant National Director,
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APPENDIX 1 – PAH drugs

Code	Description	INN
88530	ADCIRCA TABS 20 MG	Tadalafil
88599	ADEMPAS FILM COATED TABS 0.5 MG	Riociguat
88690	ADEMPAS FILM COATED TABS 1 MG	Riociguat
88692	ADEMPAS FILM COATED TABS 1.5 MG	Riociguat
88694	ADEMPAS FILM COATED TABS 2 MG	Riociguat
88695	ADEMPAS FILM COATED TABS 2.5 MG	Riociguat
88059	FLOLAN INJ 1.5 mg (1)	Epoprostenol
88057	FLOLAN INJ 500 mcg (1)	Epoprostenol
88759	GRANPIDAM FILM COATED TABS 20 MG	Sildenafil
88036	MYSILDECARD FILM COATED TABS 20 MG	Sildenafil
88038	OPSUMIT FILM COATED TABS 10 MG	Macitentan
88244	REVATIO (PCO Mfg.) Tabs 20 mg (90)	Sildenafil
88233	REVATIO PDR. FOR ORAL SUSP 10 MG./ML.	Sildenafil
88239	REVATIO TABS 20 MG	Sildenafil
88455	SILCARFIL FILM COATED TABS 20 MG	Sildenafil
88138	SILDENAFIL (CLONMEL) FILM COATED TABS 20 MG	Sildenafil
88451	SILDENAFIL TEVA FILM COATED TABS 20 MG	Sildenafil
88495	TALMANCO GENERIC FILM COATED TABS 20 MG 56	Tadalafil
88209	TRACLEER TABS 125 MG	Bosentan
88208	TRACLEER TABS 62.5 MG	Bosentan
88772	VELETRI PDR FOR SOLN FOR INJ 0.5 MG VIAL (1)	Epoprostenol
88773	VELETRI PDR FOR SOLN FOR INJ 1.5 MG VIAL (1)	Epoprostenol
88520	VENTAVIS NEBULISER SOLN 10 MCG/ML (30)	Iloprost
88518	VOLIBRIS TABS 10 MG	Ambrisentan
88517	VOLIBRIS TABS 5 MG	Ambrisentan

Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) Reimbursement Protocol May 2018

Reimbursement of PAH will be supported subject to the following conditions:

1. Prescription authority extends to the National Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Centre in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital for adults and Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin for children. The National Centre will work in a hub and spoke model of care with other prescribers in University Hospital Cork and University Hospital, Limerick. Only Consultants listed below can initiate PAH treatment.

Hospital	Specialist Name
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Prof. Sean Gaine
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Dr. Brian McCullagh
University Hospital Limerick	Dr. Brian Casserly
University Hospital Cork	Dr Des Murphy
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Prof. Kevin Walsh
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Dr. Pier Paulo Bassareo
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Dr. Damien Kenny
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Dr. Mark Walsh
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Dr. David Coleman
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Dr. Orla Franklin
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Dr. Colin McMahan
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Dr. Paul Oslizlok
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Dr. Terry Prendiville

2. Clinician is responsible for ensuring the patient has PFTs, RHC, ECHO, V-Q scan and chest x-ray as a minimum to confirm PAH.
3. Patient re-evaluation every three to six months including re-prescribing where treatment is to continue.
4. The hospital prescription must be recorded on the High Tech Ordering and Management System.
5. Prescribing consultant to notify the Health Executive Services Primary Care Reimbursement Service on cessation of patient's treatment.
6. All new PAH Patients must be approved by one of the following before a prescription can issue
 - a. National Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Centre in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital for adults
 - b. Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin for Children

Only prescriptions held by approved patients will be considered for reimbursement.
7. Patients must provide their consent before their personal information is transferred between the specialised centre and approved outreach locations.
8. This protocol will be reviewed annually by the Medicines Management Programme.

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