

Black Country Formulary Website Quick Reference Guide

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A visual guide to accessing the new Black Country Formulary website.

From 24th April 2023, the Black Country Local Health Economy Formulary, Clinical Guidelines, Policies, and other prescribing information will be available from: <https://www.blackcountryformulary.nhs.uk/>

The website is publicly available and can be accessed on any device using any internet browser.



The screenshot shows the Black Country Formulary website homepage. At the top left is the 'net Formulary' logo. At the top right is the NHS logo and the text 'Black Country Formulary' and 'Maintained by Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit'. Below this is a navigation bar with tabs: Home, Chapters, News, Mobile, Reports, Contact Us, and Log off. The main content area has a blue header 'Introduction' and a welcome message 'Welcome to the Black Country Formulary'. Below this is a search bar with a 'Search' button. To the left is a 'Useful Links' section with a table of links. To the right is a 'News Feed' section with a message about the website's construction.

Useful Links		
Black Country ICB Homepage	IMOG	IMOG Minutes
New Drug Applications/IMOG Decisions	IMOG Sub-groups Terms of Reference (ToR)	Approved Clinical Guidelines
Effective Shared Care Agreements (ESCA)	Rationales for Initiation, Continuation and Discontinuation (RICaDs)	Patient Group Direction (PGD)
Clinical Knowledge Summaries	Community Pharmacy Services	EMC
NHS Website	NICE Guidelines	NICE Guidelines On Prescribing
MHRA Medicines and Medical devices Safety Update	SPS Medicine Supply Tool	SPS Website
Yellow Card Scheme	Central Alerting System (CAS) Homepage	Drug Tariff

News Feed

New website: This Formulary is currently under construction and will be populated as the BNF chapters are reviewed. The Gastrointestinal Chapter (Chapter 1) is currently the only chapter live. For all other chapters, please refer to Trust/Place legacy formularies.

The home page contains links to a range of documents, a search bar for quick formulary searches and a news feed to keep you informed of the latest developments.

To navigate to the home page at any point click the netFormulary icon in the top left corner or click 'Home' in the row of tabs at the top of the page.

SEARCHING FOR A DRUG

There are different ways to find information relating to a specific drug:

- 1) Use the search bar on the home page (simplest option):

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Type in the drug name, click the Search button to navigate to the results page:

Search

Domperidone

Results

Looking for **Domperidone** found 5 matches

Open monograph to display formulary status	BNF Category
Formulary Items <u>Domperidone</u> (Tablets, Suspension, Suppositories)	Gastro-intestinal system - Motility stimulants - 01.02

Click the underlined drug name on the left-hand side to navigate to the drug monograph:

Domperidone

Formulary

The MHRA has issued new advice for domperidone which states that it is **no longer licensed for the relief of nausea and vomiting in children under the age of 12 years or those weighing less than 35kg** (16th December 2019).
 See [MHRA Drug Safety Update](#)
 Domperidone is no longer recommended for managing heartburn, bloating and stomach discomfort
 It should only be used for relief of nausea and vomiting at low doses for short periods (generally upto 1 week)
 MHRA advice on domperidone
[MHRA: Domperidone: risk of cardiac side effects \(Published 11 December 2014\)](#)
[NICE: Promoting tolerance of enteral feeds in children and young people: domperidone](#)

This will show the generic and brand name(s) (where applicable), the formulary status and any associated messages. Scrolling up or down will show other medicines in the sub-section.

There are also links to: National guidance e.g., NICE, Local guidelines if relevant, Online BNF (using the button on the left-hand side), Summary of Product Characteristics (using the button next to BNF), if there is a BNF for Children entry that may be relevant you will also see BNFc.

BNF SPC BNF C

Note some medicines may appear in several chapters depending on their indication so note this when choosing which monograph to view:

Search

amitrip

Results

Looking for **amitrip** found 5 matches

Open monograph to display formulary status	BNF Category
<u>amitriptyline</u>	Gastrointestinal system - Antimuscarinics - 01.02
<u>amitriptyline</u>	Central nervous system - Tricyclic antidepressants - 04.03.01
<u>amitriptyline</u>	Central nervous system - Neuropathic pain - 04.07.03
<u>amitriptyline</u>	Central nervous system - Prophylaxis of migraine - 04.07.04.02

At the bottom of the page, you will also find the formulary traffic light descriptions/key:

Key to Formulary recommendations

All drugs included in the Formulary are allocated a traffic light status. The traffic light status offers guidance on where clinical and prescribing responsibilities lie in regard to the initiation and maintenance of prescribing.

Status	Description
GREEN	Medicines which are suitable for initiation and maintenance prescribing by primary and secondary care clinicians. These medicines should be initiated and prescribed within their licensed indications
AI	Amber Specialist Initiation: Initiation and maintenance of prescribing by Specialists and transfer to Primary Care prescribing when appropriate. This may be supported by a RICaD, annotated within the formulary entry.
SC	Amber Shared Care: Initiation and maintenance of prescribing by Specialists and transfer to Primary Care prescribing, in accordance with an ESCA, annotated within the formulary entry.
AR	Amber Specialist Recommendation: Initiation and maintenance of prescribing in Primary Care following recommendation from a specialist.
RED	Medicines for initiation and maintenance prescribing by Specialists (hospital or GPs with Special Interest) only
GREY	Positive NICE TA and /or awaiting local clarification on place in therapy; Please contact your Medicines Optimisation team for more information.
BLACK	Non-formulary Medicines which APC/Trust DTC has actively reviewed and do not recommend for use.

The term 'Specialist' refers to Consultants. General Practitioners and Independent Prescribers with a Specialist Interest.

2) Using the 'Chapters' tab at the top of the home page



This allows users to navigate by BNF chapter:

Formulary Chapters	
1	Gastrointestinal system
2	Cardiovascular system
3	Respiratory system
4	Central nervous system
5	Infections
6	Endocrine system
7	Obstetrics, gynaecology, and urinary-tract disorders
8	Malignant disease and immunosuppression
9	Nutrition and blood
10	Musculoskeletal and joint diseases
11	Eye
12	Ear, nose and oropharynx
13	Skin

And sub-chapter:

01.01.01	Antacids and simeticone (4,0)
01.01.02	Compound alginates and proprietary indigestion preparations (3,0)
	Antimuscarinics (5,0)
	Other antispasmodics (3,0)
	Botulinum toxin (1,0)
01.03	Antisecretory drugs and mucosal protectants (0,0)
01.03.01	H2-receptor antagonists (1,0)

SEARCHING FOR A DOCUMENT

Each of the boxes on the home page links to specific content, for example Clinical Guidelines:

Useful Links

Black Country ICB Homepage	BC IMOG	BC IMOG Minutes
New Drug Applications/IMOG Decisions	Approved Clinical Guidelines	Effective Shared Care Agreements (ESCA)

Click the underlined text in order to navigate to that specific document library:

An alternative way to search for documents is using the search bar on the home page:

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Document Library Items Found

[NMP \(BC ICB NMP Policy\)](#)

The results returned show relevant drug entries and any documents containing those key words.

NEWS

News is available on the home page via the news feed, or by clicking the news tab at the top of the screen:

The screenshot shows the Black Country Formulary website. At the top, the 'News' tab in the navigation bar is circled. Below the navigation bar, the 'Introduction' section is visible. In the main content area, the 'News Feed' section is circled. The 'News Feed' section contains a message about the website being under construction and a link to the 'News Feed'.

For further information, advice, or support, or to provide general feedback please contact:

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