

Gateway Ref No: 06910

To CCGs:

The following notice should be distributed to all GP practices which are members of your CCG on or before 26 June 2017.

To NHS Business Services Authority:

The following notice should be distributed to all community pharmacies on or before 26 June 2017.

Primary Care Commissioning
Medical Directorate
NHS England
Room 4W56 Quarry House
Leeds
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21st June 2017

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN RELATION TO PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING PREGABALIN

Dear Colleague

We issued guidance in relation to prescribing and dispensing pregabalin on 2 March 2015 pursuant to a patent dispute between Warner-Lambert Company LLC and a number of generic pharmaceutical suppliers. That guidance is now withdrawn and replaced with the following guidance which the Court has required NHS England to issue. **This replacement guidance comes into force on 17 July 2017:**

When dispensing pregabalin for the treatment of any condition, you should dispense in accordance with your normal practice.

In our guidance of 2 March 2015 we asked you to consider amending the operation of any electronic prescription system that is within your power or control to ensure that practitioners were readily able to follow that guidance. If you made such an amendment, we now ask you to reverse it to reflect the revised guidance above as from 17 July 2017.

If you have any questions in relation to the prescription or dispensing of pregabalin, please contact Dr David Geddes, Head of Primary Care Commissioning, NHS England, Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE.

Yours sincerely



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