

Prescribing of complex wound care

GP practices across Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and Havering have signed up to CLICK – an online dressing ordering platform that delivers wound and compression products on the local formulary within 48 hours turnaround.

CLICK has been created by wound care and compression experts Accelerate. Using this ordering platform can save GP practices on their annual dressing and compression spend than if products are prescribed on FP10 alone. Start using CLICK to save your practice budget and stop unnecessary waste. The Accelerate team ensure you are making the most of the scheme to save NHS money by monitoring use and access by practices, nursing teams and nursing homes.

Location points are introduced as delivery points, e.g. District nursing base, GP practices. Only items on the formulary will be available to order. Any non-formulary items require additional authorisation via completion of a non-formulary request form. This can be requested by contacting Accelerate. The non-formulary request will need to be approved by the Tissue Viability Nursing (TVN) team.

If patients are self-caring or if they are seen by the practice nurse in the GP practice they can be provided with dressings from stock and must reviewed regularly. Non-healing wounds should be referred to the TVN.

Some Dressing can continue to be prescribed on FP10 – see box below of list of products that can continue to be prescribed on FP10.

1. Where a patient is not managed or reviewed by a community nurse. E.g. childhood eczema or when care is provided by a carer or mother under the supervision of a specialist service such as Great Ormond Street for rare conditions such as Epidermolysis Bullosa.
2. Compression Hosiery is not a dressing and thus is NOT available on CLICK, however compression bandages are available

What items GPs continue to prescribe*:

- **Products for Tracheostomy Management [Provax, gauze swabs]**
- **Products for childhood eczema management [e.g. stockinette, Ichthopaste bandages, Coban bandages]**
- **All equipment and occasional dressings for Stoma Management [e.g. stoma bags, film dressings, gauze]**
- **Dressings for IV therapy (unless being managed by the DN)**
- **Tubigrip or elasticated tubular bandage when not for wound care [e.g. for joints] *NB Long term swelling issues, refer to Lymphoedema Service.***
- **PEGs or suprapubic catheters:** gauze or simple dressings. If they are purulent then a nurse should review and refer to TVN.
- **Emollients and skin protectors**
- Compression hosiery and garments, although compression bandages are included in the scheme.

To help reduce FP10 prescribing the following can be implemented:

1. Stop repeat prescriptions for management at home for housebound patients. Dressing will be provided by the district nurse team from their stock.
2. Stop repeat prescriptions for management of patients at a nursing home in the boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge. Nursing homes will order their own dressings via CLICK.
3. Patients who are self-managing will need to be reviewed on a regular basis by their GP practice and dressing will be provided from the practice stock. This will also ensure that non-healing wounds are identified and remain in the pathway for successful management.

If you have questions or need help or clarification:

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Please ensure your Locum GPs understand this scheme