

Renal Team
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Dear Colleagues (GPs and Community Pharmacists),

Re: Repatriation of Immunosuppressant Medication for Renal Transplant Recipients Only

Following on from the successful repatriation of erythropoietins (e.g. Eprex¹) for renal transplant patients, the process has now begun for the prescribing responsibility of immunosuppressants to be taken over by the Renal Medicines Service based at Morrison Hospital.

The attached guidance will provide you with all the necessary information and can also be found here: <http://goo.gl/gta6TC>



Please note that this guidance only applies to patients who are currently under the care of the Regional Renal Unit at Morrison Hospital and not to patients who are still under the care of the Cardiff Transplant Unit (CTU) at the University Hospital of Wales (UHW) who will be repatriating their patients in due course.

Similarly the guidance only applies to **renal transplant** patients and not to patients who have had other solid organ transplants or who are prescribed immunosuppressants for other disease states; in these instances prescribing responsibility remains with the GP.

On repatriation we will write to the individual patient, GP and community pharmacy. At this point the supplies for of **all immunosuppressant drugs** for that individual patient can be stopped from primary care and all future supplies will be issued by the Regional Renal Unit at Morrison. At this point please ensure:

1. No further prescriptions for immunosuppressants are issued by the GP practice or dispensed by Community Pharmacies, for Renal Transplant patients.
2. That immunosuppressants continue to be recorded on patients repeat medication records in both GP practices and Community Pharmacies (with a note that these are only supplied through the hospital) to ensure that prescribers/dispensers are alerted to potential drug-drug interactions.
3. That you inform us of **all** changes to the patient's current medication regimen (including the cessation of drugs) as this may have significant affects on the immunosuppressant and may require dose adjustment.
4. That any concerns regarding individual patients are brought to the attention of the Regional Renal Unit immediately to allow for early detection and management of post transplant adverse events such as kidney transplant rejection/acute kidney injury/new onset diabetes etc.

Contact details for can be found below. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours Sincerely,

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