

South West London Growth Hormone Commissioning Policy

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	Paediatrics (note: if homecare delivery is considered the preferred route, follow SWL adult proposal)	Adults Not for GP prescribing
1st choice	Omnitrope® -Shared care prescribing OR Homecare delivery For new patients with preference for homecare: Humatrope® * or NutropinAq® - Homecare delivery only <small>* Humatrope® is the only licensed product for SHOX deficiency and requires reconstitution</small>	Humatrope®**or NutropinAq® or Omnitrope® -Homecare delivery only <small>** Humatrope® requires reconstitution</small>
2nd choice	Genotropin® -Shared care prescribing OR Homecare delivery	Norditropin SimpleXx® -Homecare delivery only
Exceptional use	Norditropin SimpleXx® -Only if fridge storage is a real issue -Homecare delivery only Zomacton® -Only for patients with true needle phobia -Homecare delivery only	Zomacton® -Only for patients with true needle phobia -Homecare delivery only

Patients currently on a product not listed above should be reviewed with the aim of switching to a product in line with the above policy if considered clinically appropriate.

Rationale:

LPP commented (January 2016) that there are considerable costs saving opportunities for rationalising the number of growth hormone products but still giving patients a choice. LPP recommends that NHS Trusts and CCGs should co-ordinate to three products unless there are particular licensing issues. Above commissioning policy for South West London is informed by:

- Relative cost of growth hormone preparations for London as at September 2017
- UKMI – Comparison of Growth Hormone Products and Devices <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Comparison20of20growth20hormone20products20and20devices20amended202015.pdf> (using updated prices for Sept 2017)
- Local prescribing agreements (i.e. shared care prescribing agreement for certain products for paediatric patients)
- Practice as a result of the previous SWL Growth hormone Commissioning Policy (Jan 2016)

NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups: Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton, Wandsworth

NHS Trusts: Croydon Health Services NHS Trust, Epsom & St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust, Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust including Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton