

December 2024

MOP-UP - APPLIANCE SPECIAL

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Christmas Ordering

Although patient's maybe anxious about their supplies over the Christmas period they do not necessarily need their supplies doubled. This can be costly especially when DAC's request on behalf of the patients to accommodate their opening hours over the Christmas period.

Stoma Bags - in most scenarios patient's DO NOT need a double supply. Please speak with the patient before issuing, as supplying a double quantity can be very costly, and may not be required.

Leg Begs – a quantity of 56 (when issued last), should cover the patient for 8-10 weeks.

Night bags – Drainable (same as Leg bags above).

Leg bags – Single use, these are probably the only ones that they may need a double supply of (depending again on when they last placed an order).

BSW Stoma Accessory Formulary

Did you know – stoma bags are individual to each user. Check with your patients Stoma team if:

- A change of product/ bag is requested.
- Additional supplies are requested.
- Requests for new or any other unnecessary additional accessories (i.e. Sprays, gels, wipes etc)
- DAC's do love to send a sample!

GWH Stoma Team- 01793 646202RUH Stoma Team- 01225 824056SFT Stoma team- 01722429256

The formulary can be viewed <u>here</u>.

BSW Continence & Urology Product Formulary

Please remember for any queries you get we now have our own BSW formulary which will help with all your prescribing queries.

Jackie is around for additional help with any weird and wonderful questions, just send a message via the prescribing inbox. bswicb.prescribing@nhs.net

The formulary can be viewed on our website <u>here</u>

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Be Part of a Network of Champions!

We have had a good response from surgeries so far on nominating an 'Appliance Champion', please make your surgery has done this so they can benefit from training, issuing and prescribing of all Appliance products.

The Champion can be anyone, admin or prescription clerk within your practice. Please send your nominees to the BSW prescribing inbox where Jackie can pick up all your messages.

Network – Once the network of colleagues has been established, we are planning to:

- provide training on appliance issuing/prescribing.
- Provide support with troubleshooting.
- provide a regular newsletter with helpful hints and tips and updates.

What Counts as an 'Appliance'?

Appliances covers quite a broad-spectrum of goods. Here are some common examples, but there are many more:

- Catheters
- Catheter sundries
 - o bags
 - o gels
 - o fixation devices
 - o valves
 - sheaths
- Bowel products:
 - o stoma bags
 - o stoma equipment
 - trans anal irrigation (TAI)
- Wound care:
 - Dressings
 - o Barrier creams

BSW Wound Care

Please find below changes for ordering on Formeo.

If Wednesday or Thursday is your normal scheduled delivery day these will be affected by the upcoming Bank Holiday. i.e Thursday 19th December order, delivery date will be Monday 23rd December. Wednesday delivery dates need to be 48hours before.

Please order additional stock gradually through December to account for closures and contact NHS supply chain customer service if you need any additional support. www.supplychain.nhs.uk/customer-service/

These changes are for Wilts and BaNES only. Swindon orders are via ONPOS.



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and healthy Happy New Year.

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