

FOR ACTION & INFORMATION

**TO: OPTOMETRY CONTRACTOR
PRACTICES USING THE
'OPTOMETRY-VIEW' NIECR**

24th November 2020

Dear Colleague

NIECR ** IMPORTANT UPDATE **

From 1st December 2020 the NIECR will begin to display records of specialist medicines dispensed by hospitals – these will be displayed under a new heading '**Hospital Supplied Specialist Medicines Hospital Supply**'.

The record of hospital supplied medicines will be noted alongside GP records in the '**Medication Summary GP/Hospital**'. Guidance and screen-shots of how you can access this information are noted below (as with other NIECR documents, this information will be hosted in PDF format).

Optometrists are reminded that NIECR is in place to support direct clinical care for your patients and Ophthalmic Services in the HSCB and the NIECR team in the BSO, trust that you will find this new addition to the NIECR helpful in your clinical practice. Please ensure that you have discussed access to the NIECR with your patient and that you have consent to view their NIECR.

Optometrists are reminded that they should not access their own NIECR

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ALL
OPTOMETRISTS USING NIECR IN YOUR PRACTICE**

If you have any queries in relation to this information please contact ophthalmic.services@hscni.net in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Ophthalmic Services

Directorate of Integrated Care, Health and Social Care Board

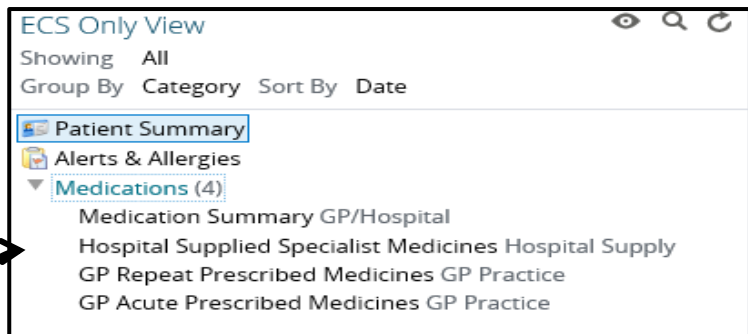
Guidance for Clinical Staff

Until now, NIECR has only displayed medicines prescribed by GPs (repeats and acutes) but GP systems do not include records of specialist medicines that are prescribed and dispensed in hospitals.

From **1st December 2020** NIECR will begin to display records of specialist medicines dispensed by hospitals – these will be displayed under a new heading **‘Hospital Supplied Specialist Medicines Hospital Supply’** and will also be included alongside GP records in the **‘Medication Summary GP/Hospital’** pdf.

This will support medicines reconciliation and prescribing decisions on existing or new medicines by allowing users to see any specialist medicines that have been dispensed to that patient.

The information is for guidance only and should be checked with other sources where possible.



Hospital Supplied Specialist Medicines

Live feed from JAC since 01-Dec-2020 - includes discontinued medicines

Drugs last received on 09-NOV-2020

This information is for guidance only and may not be complete - Please check with a second source

For general information on hospital supplied specialist medicines please visit www.ipnsm.hscni.net

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Drug	Quantity	Dosage Instructions	CATEGORY	Supply/Return Date	Supplied/Returned	Supplied By
CLOZAPINE (ZAPONEX) 25 mg Tablets	140 Tablets	Take TWO in the MORNING and THREE at NIGHT.	RED	09-Nov-2020	Supplied to Patient	Northern HSCT
CLOZAPINE (ZAPONEX) 100 mg Tablets	28 Tablets	Take ONE at NIGHT.	RED	09-Nov-2020	Supplied to Patient	Northern HSCT

NIECR users should be aware of the following limitations:

- NIECR GP medicines display the medicines **prescribed** on the GP clinical system whereas the hospital supply of specialist medicines display the medicines **dispensed** from the hospital pharmacy. Two strengths of a medication may be dispensed to deliver the required dose. Each strength will appear on a separate line.
- Not all medicines supplied to a patient will be displayed; typically only specialist medicines supplied on discharge or as an outpatient.
- Only medicines that are on the red or amber list* of specialist medicines will be displayed.
- Medicines will continue to be displayed for 24 months; including medicines that are no longer being prescribed – **the ‘Supply / Return Date’ should be checked carefully** as the medicine may not be current.
- The majority of IV chemotherapy dispensed for oncology and haematology will not display on ECR. Prescribing in oncology across NI is included in the RISOH extract. Prescribing of IV chemotherapy for haematology is not available on NIECR. Some medicines are used in a range of specialities e.g. cyclophosphamide, rituximab. These medicines will be displayed on ECR.
- Some medicines have additional restrictions that prevent them from being displayed for example: HIV treatments, Some fertility treatments, medicines supplied as part of a clinical trial, parenteral chemotherapy
- Medicines dispensed before the go-live date will not be included
- Medicines displayed as dispensed may not always reach the patient. Where items are returned to stock, this will be displayed but in a separate line with a note ‘Returned to Pharmacy’
- Medicines dispensed to patients who do not have a health and care number on the Pharmacy JAC system will not be displayed.

* The categories of specialist medicines and advice to users using this list are below:

- **Red** Prescribed and supplied from secondary care only
- **Amber** Prescribed and supplied in primary care under a shared care arrangement with a secondary care specialist

In both cases, there are a small number of medicines where the category applies for some indications only and will be displayed as e.g. “Red - Some Indications Only” or “Amber – Some Indications Only”. Users should refer to the Red Amber List for further information <http://www.ipnsm.hscni.net/red-amber/>