

Date: **27 February 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5678**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

**Your Request and Our Response (in bold)**

*I'm making an FOI regarding patient group directives use within your trust. Please answer the following questions:*

**Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') has responded to your following request for information:**

1. *Does your trust have any patient group directives in use? **Yes***
2. *Which drugs currently have active patient group directives?*
  - **Alteplase for occluded central venous access**
  - **Chloral Hydrate**
  - **Cophenylocaine for SLT**
  - **Intravenous Flush – Heparin – 10units/ml, 100units/ml and 1000units/ml**
  - **Intravenous Flush - Sodium Chloride 0.9% and Glucose 5%**
  - **Iohexol GFR**
  - **Ophthalmology minims – Cyclopentolate 0.5% and 1%, Tropicamide 0.5% and 1%, Phenylephrine 2.5%, Proxymethacain 0.5%**
  - **Influenza 2019 – Quadrivalent influenza vaccine (Split virion)**
  - **Anaphylactic Reactions – I.M. adrenaline 1mg/ml, hydrocortisone sodium succinate 100mg injection, chlorphenamine 10mg/ml injection, salbutamol nebuliser 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml**
  - **Respiratory depression – Naloxone injection and Flumazenil injection**
  - **Ciprofloxacin in Intraperitoneal Dialysis**
  - **Haemodialysis - Anticoagulation of extracorporeal circuits – Heparin 1000units/ml and sodium chloride 0.9%**
  - **Haemodialysis - Sodium Chloride 0.9% - Priming, Washback and Hypotension**
  - **Heparin for Intra-peritoneal Administration – Heparin 1000units/ml**
  - **Physioneal 35**
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- Vancomycin for Intra-peritoneal Administration
- Azithromycin and Erythromycin for Pertussis PGD
- Ciprofloxacin, Rifampicin, Ceftriaxone and Azithromycin for meningococcal disease PEP PGD

#### Radiology

Furosemide

Gadoteric Acid (Dotarem)

Gadoteridol (Prohance)

Hyoscine Butylbromide

Iohexol

Mannitol

Sedation

3. Which healthcare professionals utilise patient group directives and for which drug?

#### **All PGDs**

Registered professional nursing or registered Healthcare Professional staff

#### **Radiology PGDs**

HCPC registered radiographers administer approved medicines / drugs after completing PGD competencies in each specific drugs

4. Are patient group directives being audited within your trust, by who and how often? **Not currently being routinely audited with records within the trust, but yearly routine audits are being introduced. Our current policy states that:**

***“If nothing changed within a PGD, then staff who have completed required competencies do not require to be re-viewed.***

***If the PGD has changed, then all staff using the PGD need to be re-assessed, re-complete competencies and are re-reviewed.***

***PGD’s are audited by the Drugs and Therapeutics committee led by the lead pharmacist”.***

***If your trust does not utilise patient group directives what is the reason behind this if known? Not applicable***

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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### **Your Rights**

Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team  
Great Ormond Street Hospital  
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