

Prescribing Hints & Tips

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HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY (HRT) TO BE PRESCRIBED ON SEPARATE SCRIPTS TO OTHER ITEMS

Healthcare professionals are reminded that HRT items need to be prescribed on separate scripts to other items if patients are to use a HRT prescription pre-payment certificate. If a script is written containing both HRT and other items, the patient will need to pay for all the items, and then claim back a refund for the HRT. Please see [here](#) for more info.

DERMOL® PRESCRIBING

Dermol® 500 lotion and dermol® cream are restricted for use only in confirmed staphylococcal infection e.g. Recurrent folliculitis and impetiginised eczema. Use of emollients with anti-microbial ingredients should be discouraged where not indicated; please see the [Nottinghamshire emollient formulary](#) for suitable non-antimicrobial alternatives. In addition, the use of anti-bacterial emollients as leave on products can cause irritant dermatitis.

APC AND INTERFACE UPDATE

The latest issue of the Antimicrobial Bulletin can be found on the APC website ([Antimicrobial Bulletin Volume IV Issue 4](#)).

This issue contains information on:

- Targeted Winter Respiratory Hub (Village Health Group, Nottingham)
- TARGET updates
- Flu and Norovirus data from the community
- ePACT2 Antimicrobial Stewardship UTI Dashboard
- Antimicrobial stewardship PrescQIPP dashboard 2024/2025
- APC Antimicrobial Guideline updates

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