

Prescribing Hints & Tips

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REMINDER: LEVEMIR® (INSULIN DETEMIR) DISCONTINUATION

All Levemir® (insulin detemir) presentations have been discontinued (June 2025) and are being phased out. Remaining stocks are expected to be exhausted by December 2026.

- Do not initiate new patients on Levemir®.
- Review patients currently prescribed Levemir® and switch to an appropriate alternative basal insulin in line with [local guidance](#).
- Where insulin glargine U100 is selected as the replacement basal insulin, consider Semglee® as the preferred first-line local option.
- Insulins must be prescribed by brand name to avoid inadvertent switching. Ensure all prescriptions and communications specify brand.

INCLISIRAN – PURCHASE FROM AAH

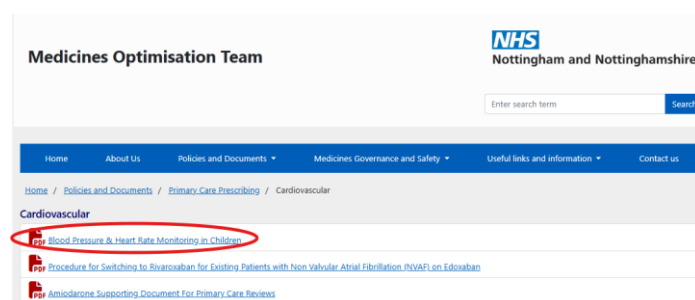
Practices will be aware that the wholesaler AAH has recently introduced a £75 surcharge for orders under the value of £1000.

We have confirmed that this minimum order requirement does **not** apply to Inclisiran (Leqvio®).

Please see [here](#) for details of the surcharge and a list of exemptions (see second question).

BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART RATE MONITORING IN CHILDREN

The [Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Monitoring in Children information sheet](#) has moved from the APC website and is now hosted on the [Nottinghamshire Medicines Optimisation website](#).



The document remains available via the F12 functionality in SystmOne, making it easier to access at the point of care.

It has been added to F12 Cardiology – Children button in the Repository. Which can be accessed via the Pathfinder for both EMIS and SY1 practices (screen shot below of the Sy1 Cardiac button as example).

Paediatrics - F12

Paediatric Out-patient referral Guidelines City County Allergy Behaviour / Emotional wellbeing **Cardiac** Dermatology Development Dysmorphic Features Endocri...

Cardiac

Guidelines

Full Cardiology in Children Guidelines

Guidance on:
Murmurs, Family History of Cardio-Myopathy, History of Arrhythmia or Palpitations, Unexplained Collapse, Hypertension

Paediatric Traffic Light - F12

Child Growth Charts...

Hospital Referrals

Step 1 : Create referral - Complete section 2 on one of the specific form below (if dictating please refer to the form to answer all questions)

Paediatrics (NUH) Children & Adolescent Form (NUH) Record Guardian

Paediatrics (SFH) Children & Adolescent Form (SFH) Record Parent

SMS / EMAIL - Secondary Care PILs

Step 2 : Process Referral - Use Practice process (e.g. Lexacom) or Task Secretary

Task secretary

New ERS Referral

Dictation created ☐ Secretary Information on forms and ERS

APC AND INTERFACE UPDATE

The latest updates from APC can be found on their website [here](#).

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