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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Wound Care Management Products: Changes to Northern Ireland Drug Tariff 1st April 2019

Further to the letter from Department of Health on 4th February 2019, [http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/advise%20of%20changes%20to%20Drug%20Tariff%20and%20Wound%20Care%20products%20\(PDF%20Version\).pdf](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/advise%20of%20changes%20to%20Drug%20Tariff%20and%20Wound%20Care%20products%20(PDF%20Version).pdf) , BSO are writing to provide advice on operational issues in relation to the changes which will occur on 1st April 2019 to Wound Care Management Products.

The vast majority of wound care products currently prescribed in primary care will continue to be available for prescribing on HS21 prescriptions from 1st April 2019. However, there are a small number of exceptions and these are detailed in the Appendix.

Whilst patient impact will be minimal, as other sizes of that dressing or similar alternative dressings will still be available on the revised Northern Ireland Drug Tariff, BSO wish to give advance notice to contractors so that stock levels can be managed accordingly.

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Appendix

Woundcare Management Products Currently Available on the NI Drug Tariff Which Will Not Be Available to Primary Care from 1st April 2019*

Product	Size	Alternative
Dressings		
Duoderm [®] Extra Thin	3.8x4.4cm 5cmx20cm	Alternative sizes will be available
Foam Wound Filler	10x12.5cm	An alternative product is - Foam Wound Dressing (S&N)
Gauze Rolls (Kerlix [®] Amd)	11.4x3.7m	An alternative product is - Kerlix [®] AMD Gauze
Gauze Wound Filler	15x17cm	An alternative product is - Gauze Wound Dressing
NA [®] Ultra	19cmx19cm	Alternative sizes will be available
Opsite Transparent Film Spray	100ml	Film coated dressings will be available.
Pharmapad [®]	10cmx10cm 10cmx20cm 5cmx5cm	Similar products will be available
Tegaderm [®] Film	10cmx12cm 20cmx30cm 4.4x4.4cm	Alternative sizes will be available
TNP Products		
V.A.C [®] Via Canister Kit	250ml	An alternative product is - V.A.C [®] Via 7 Day Kit
V.A.C [®] Via Dressing Kit	Medium	An alternative product is - V.A.C [®] Via 7 Day Kit
Infov.A.C. [®] Canister With Gel	500ml	An alternative product is - VAC [®] Freedom Cannister with Gel 300ml
Renasys [®] Large Drapes	20cmx30cm	Alternative sizes will be available

* Shaded lines have monthly dispensing above 50 items regionally



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