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Medicines Optimisation intervention brief

Title of Intervention:
Kelhale as the preferred brand of extra-fine beclometasone dipropionate pressurised inhalation solution in adult patients
WHAT?
• Prescribe Qvar® inhalers as the relevant strength of Kelhale® inhaler. • Initiate Kelhale® as the preferred brand for any new patients >18 years requiring an extra-fine beclometasone dipriopionate inhaler.
WHY?
• Provides consistency for the patient with less chance of confusion between brands. • Local hospitals are using Kelhale® as their preferred brand. • Kelhale® is one of the brands that provide best value for money. • Dosing is equivalent to Qvar®. • Estimated potential savings for West Hampshire CCG of £100,000 per annum.
WHO?
• Adult (>18years) patients who need to be initiated on beclometasone dipropionate extra-fine particle inhalers. • Adult (>18years) patients requiring regular repeat prescriptions for Qvar®. • Do not switch patients on Qvar® Easi-Breath or Autohaler devices • Kelhale® is not licensed in children under 18years
TIPS?
• Review patients' inhaler technique and check for appropriate use of MDI. • Refer to inhaler information sheet to aid identification of beclometasone containing MDIs. • The packaging does not make it clear this is a PREVENTER inhaler.
HOW?
• Use search to identify patients >18 years prescribed Qvar® on current repeat. • Switch adult patients requiring regular repeat prescriptions for Qvar® inhaler to the relevant strength of Kelhale® inhaler according to the process agreed with an individual practice.
SO WHAT?
• All patients will receive a consistent brand of beclomethasone dipropionate inhaler. • Savings will be realised.
FURTHER INFORMATION
1. Summary of Product Characteristics https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=kelhale

Appendix: Identification of beclometasone containing metered dose inhalers (MDI)

Extra-fine particle devices: Qvar and Kelhale

(NB. Qvar is also available as Easi-Breath and Autohaler devices)

Standard particle size devices: Clenil modulite and Soprobec

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