

Prescribing and Medicines Optimisation Guidance

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1. NICE COVID-19 rapid guideline: managing COVID-19 (NG191). 23 March 2021. ([Link](#))

This guideline covers the management of COVID-19 for children, young people and adults in all care settings. It brings together the existing NICE guidelines on managing COVID-19 into one larger NICE document. NICE have published this guideline in MAGICapp, a global evidence ecosystem already being used by key partners such as the Australian Taskforce for COVID-19 and the World Health Organization. The MAGICapp platform allows the efficient sharing of evidence between guideline developers from around the world. This means NICE can develop and update its COVID-19 guidance more quickly and efficiently as new evidence is assessed.

This guideline includes new recommendations on therapeutics and replaces the COVID-19 rapid guidelines on:

- critical care in adults
- managing symptoms (including at the end of life) in the community
- managing suspected or confirmed pneumonia in adults in the community
- acute myocardial injury
- antibiotics for pneumonia in adults in hospital
- acute kidney injury in hospital
- reducing the risk of venous thromboembolism in over 16s with COVID-19

2. SPS: Medicines Q&A: Suitability of calcium and vitamin D preparations for vegetarians or vegans ([Link](#))

This updated Medicines Q&A includes a table which gives a list of calcium and vitamin D preparations and their suitability for use by vegetarians and vegans.

3. SPS: Medicines Q&A: How to minimise the risks of medication errors with rivastigmine patches. ([Link](#))

This updated Q&A aims to raise awareness on the types of medication errors reported with rivastigmine patches, as well as highlighting strategies to improve medication safety on the prescribing and administration of these patches.

4. Enoxaparin biosimilar (Inhixa)

A reminder that Inhixa is the preferred brand of enoxaparin prescribed in Basingstoke, Southampton, Winchester and Portsmouth hospitals. A local factsheet is available with prescribing and administration advice. ([link](#))

A new patient video on how to inject Inhixa correctly and safely is available here:

<https://www.techdow-pharma.co.uk/videoplay.html>

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<https://gp-portal.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk/medicines/covid-19-medicines-information/covid-19-medicines-optimisation-bulletins/>

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