

## OCCG Area Prescribing Committee (APCO) Bullet Points – Meetings 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

A summary of the decisions taken at the July and September APCO meetings and ratified by the OCCG Clinical Ratification Group (CRG) can be found on the OCCG ClinOX here: <https://clinox.info/clinical-support/Medicines/medicines-management/area-prescribing-committee-oxfordshire.htm>

APCO meet every two months where decisions are made about changes to the OCCG formulary and prescribing 'traffic lights' (available here: <http://www.oxfordshireformulary.nhs.uk/> ) and agreement of shared care protocols and prescribing guidelines.

Key items from these meeting include:

- **Shared Care Protocols** – Updated SCPs for Ivabradine (Angina and Heart Failure), hydroxycarbamide (myeloproliferative disorders and Essential Thrombocythaemia) and a new SCP for oral antibiotics for the management of Bone and Joint Infections
- **Formulary decisions made/updated** – Invicorp (aviptadil with phentolamine) for erectile dysfunction, Ciprofloxacin ear drops (Cetraxal®) 2mg/ml, Trimovate cream, Actipatch electromagnetic pulse therapy patches, Etoricoxib for pain relief in patients with an inherited bleeding disorder, Donepezil, galantamine, rivastigmine and memantine for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease
- **Guidelines agreed/updated** - Botulinum Toxin A policy update, Guidance for opioid reduction in primary care, Advice for GPs on managing Insomnia, Barrier Cream pathway, South Central Antimicrobial Network – Guidelines for Antibiotic Prescribing in the Community, Migraine – acute treatment and prophylaxis, Migraine in pregnancy, DVT documents update: D-dimer testing in DVT diagnosis

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