

## Northamptonshire Prescribing Advisory Group

(Advising Medical and Pharmacy Practitioners and Non-Medical Prescribers  
on prescribing across the county)

### Summary of Recommendations from meeting on Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

- **Levofloxacin 5mg/5mls eye drops**  
Requested for use post-surgery as an alternative to ofloxacin eyedrops  
**NPAG classified it as Amber 2**
  
- **Brimonidine gel**  
Brimonidine gel for rosacea is on the GP treatment pathway.  
**NPAG reclassified it as Green.**
  
- **Tacrolimus Ointment 0.03% and 0.1%** for atopic dermatitis  
Now an established treatment to avoid prolonged high potency steroids  
See Tablet Press March 2021 for more information  
**NPAG reclassified it as Green**
  
- **Cepton 1%® chlorhexidine skin wash**  
This product is specifically marketed for acne. On advice of dermatology this is not recommended for prescription and may be purchased OTC.  
**NPAG classified it as Double Red - IFR**
  
- **Paliperidone depot**  
Not previously classified but is prescribed NHFT clinicians  
**NPAG classified it as Red**
  
- **Acapella® and similar devices to loosen mucus**  
These devices should only be prescribed on the advice of a specialist respiratory physiotherapist  
**NPAG classified them as Double Red - prior approval**
  
- **Sulfasalazine tablets for rheumatoid arthritis and similar indications**  
These had previously been traffic lighted Amber 2 but require monitoring and have always attracted a NPT payment  
**NPAG classified them as Amber 1**
  - **Shared Care:**  
GLP1 Shared Care Letter (Updated)
  
  - **Guidelines**
    - Northants Psoriatic Arthritis High Cost Drugs Pathway
  
    - Northants Ankylosing Spondylitis High Cost Drugs Pathway