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Dear dm+d User,

**Interesting Excipients - Your Thoughts and Views are Needed Please**

The dm+d Content/Editorial Committee is keen to understand about your thoughts and views on Interesting Excipients.

Please help by responding to this very short survey which can be accessed via the following link:  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Hwf2UP67GkCIA2c3SOYp4oKnk8VcVu5Doaqzt4XKVD9UMFpQNUMwSThESVZPOFFFNFIzTDJNRklIVC4u>

We aim to run the survey until Friday 17th June 2022, however, we would appreciate a swift response please as it will only take a few minutes to complete. Your feedback is invaluable to us and please be assured that any of your personal details will be treated in strict confidence.

Thanks in advance and if you have any questions about completing this survey, please contact:  [nhsbsa.dmdenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsa.dmdenquiries@nhs.net)

**Update in Units of Measure from Litres to Millilitres**

Representation of packs for the following products have been updated from litres (L) to millilitres (ml) in dm+d.

We are aware that different prescribing and dispensing system suppliers update on different dates and therefore we just thought we would bring this one to your attention.

* Nutrison Protein Plus liquid (Nutricia Ltd): was 1L and changed to 1000ml
* Nutrison Protein Plus Multifibre liquid (Nutricia Ltd): was 1L and changed to 1000ml
* Nutrison Soya Multi Fibre liquid (Nutricia Ltd) ): was 1.5L and changed to 1500ml
* Nutrison 800 Complete Multi Fibre liquid (Nutricia Ltd): was 1L and changed to 1000ml
* Nutrison 1000 Complete Multi Fibre liquid (Nutricia Ltd): was 1L and changed to 1000ml
* Nutrison water for gastroenteral feeds: was 1L and changed to 1000ml

**Workpackage to Support Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances (ACBS) dietician experts and Impacts on SNOMED codes**

This is advanced notice that over the course of the next few months, in the region of 400 to 450 food substance AMPs will be invalidated and moved to different VMPs.

The NHSBSA is supporting an initiative by Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances (ACBS) dietician experts to improve the clinical categorisation / classification of food substances.

We are mindful that where new SNOMED codes are used that this can add challenges to EPS until prescribing and dispensing systems are aligned. We will therefore try to communicate changes as best we can but this will also need yourselves as dm+d users to please monitor this weekly communication and for system suppliers to please refresh and update your drug dictionary data with the most recent version of the dm+d files available.

More information will be communicated over the forthcoming weeks. In the meanwhile if you have any further questions, please email [nhsbsa.dmdenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsa.dmdenquiries@nhs.net)

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**DHSC require these concepts to be made available and visible (similar to licensed medicines) in prescribing and dispensing systems for the time being.**

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| **Specials/Imports added at request of DHSC to mitigate shortages in the supply chain** | | | |
| **AMP Name** | **AMP SNOMED Code** | **Import/Special** | **dm+d extract date** |
| Desmopressin 150micrograms/dose nasal spray | 38955011000001100 | Imported | 14/09/2020 |
| Desmopressin 150micrograms/dose nasal spray | 38996011000001101 | Special Order | 21/09/2020 |
| Phenelzine 15mg capsules | 38947211000001100 | Special Order | 14/09/2020 |
| Phenelzine 15mg capsules | 39000111000001109 | Imported | 21/09/2020 |
| Cloral betaine 707mg tablets | 39069011000001104 | Imported | 12/10/2020 |
| Chloral hydrate 143.3mg/5ml oral solution BP | 39517711000001107 | Special Order | 12/04/2021 |

**Invalidations**

None

**Advance Notice of Invalidations**

None

Kind regards

dm+d Authoring Team