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Dear dm+d User,

**VMP Prescribing Status Update for Oral Tacrolimus Concepts**

In line with the MHRA [guidance](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fdrug-safety-update%2Foral-tacrolimus-products-prescribe-and-dispense-by-brand-name-only-to-minimise-the-risk-of-inadvertent-switching-between-products-which-has-been-associated-with-reports-of-toxicity-and-graft-rejection&data=05%7C01%7Ca.bickle%40nhs.net%7Cdb813a792bba4665a68308db1010bf18%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638121436325797097%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lrU5SAnHrq8BJFtvp1C2nUBTcvaOzjOZe%2FuQVySArz8%3D&reserved=0) that oral tacrolimus products should be prescribed and dispensed by brand name only, to minimise the risk of inadvertent switching between products, which has been associated with reports of toxicity and graft rejection, we are communicating that the following Oral Tacrolimus VMPs are now also flagged as ‘Caution – AMP level prescribing advised’:

* Tacrolimus 500microgram modified-release capsules
* Tacrolimus 1mg modified-release capsules
* Tacrolimus 3mg modified-release capsules
* Tacrolimus 5mg modified-release capsules

**Note:** The reason for not flagging all Oral Tacrolimus VMPs is explained on page 22 of the NHS dm+d Editorial Policy: *‘where only one licensed AMP is/has been available and the VMP has an ‘approved’ generic name, then that product should not be marked with ‘Caution – AMP level prescribing advised’.*

**Updates to NHS dm+d Editorial Policy and Data Model**

In tandem with the dm+d ‘Enhancement’ work below, an update has been made to these documents to reflect a move away from using core SNOMED CT International identifiers for VMPs and to exclusively allocating SNOMED CT Extension name space identifiers (except invalid concepts are out of scope of this change).

These updates will be evident in these documents in the public domain early next week.

Note: there are some additional updates that need to be made to the Editorial Policy since the July 2020 version and these will be made in due course.

**2023 dm+d ENHANCEMENT UPDATES**

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| **dm+d change** | **What do I need to consider?** | **Go-live date** |
| Addition of dm+d ‘historic codes’ XML file, to dm+d supplementary weekly release | * If your system supplier manages your dm+d data, ask them if and how they plan to use this data
* If the Trust manages dm+d data, will you start to use this data?
* Which dm+d concepts do you use that contain fields for ‘current’ and ‘previous IDs’

The dm+d historic code file will be a bonus/supplementary file within the weekly TRUD release.Historic code data files will be found in the ZIP file under a folder named: HISTORIC\_CODESXML filename format: f\_history1\_0DDMMYY.xml XSD filename: history\_V1\_0.xsd | Additional dm+d historic code file available in TRUD w/c 16 January 2023 |
| Change current dm+d VTM content to link to “contains only X” Medicinal Products in SNOMED International Edition | * Do you use or map to VTM concepts?
* If your system supplier manages your dm+d data, ask them how they plan to make these changes in their systems and what impact there may be to end users
* How will dm+d updates be managed where you have systems that integrate with each other?
* If the Trust manages dm+d data, what will be the process for taking and handling the code changes in dm+d updates? Do you use ‘current’ and ‘previous’ VTM IDs?

The availability of dm+d ‘historic codes’ will support you with these changes. | w/c 13 February 2023 |
| Shift to use of UK extension ID for all VMP concepts in both dm+d and SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension | * Do you use/map to VMP concepts?
* If your system supplier manages your dm+d data, ask them how they plan to make these changes in their systems and what impact there may be to end users
* How will dm+d updates be managed where you have systems that integrate with each other?
* If the Trust manages dm+d data, what will be the process for taking and handling the code changes in dm+d updates? Do you use ‘current’ and ‘previous’ VMP IDs?

The availability of dm+d ‘historic codes’ will support you with these changes. | [Sample batch of 18 VMPs live w/c 27 February 2023](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdigital.nhs.uk%2Fservices%2Fdigital-and-interoperable-medicines%2Fuk-medicines-terminology-futures%2Fchanges-to-digital-terminologies%2Fvirtual-medicinal-products-changing-from-snomed-core-code-to-snomed-uk-extension&data=05%7C01%7Cemma.pruce%40nhs.net%7C7c3e88efd85a46c89f7408db140b37f5%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638125810626641587%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0yE54h1w%2BaKJ8i6uvwmSThca5KxN03cQcyJ6la%2BAJEs%3D&reserved=0)[From May 2023 - phased approach of VMP ID changes in Batches 1-18](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdigital.nhs.uk%2Fservices%2Fdigital-and-interoperable-medicines%2Fuk-medicines-terminology-futures%2Fchanges-to-digital-terminologies%2Fvirtual-medicinal-products-changing-from-snomed-core-code-to-snomed-uk-extension&data=05%7C01%7Cemma.pruce%40nhs.net%7C7c3e88efd85a46c89f7408db140b37f5%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638125810626641587%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0yE54h1w%2BaKJ8i6uvwmSThca5KxN03cQcyJ6la%2BAJEs%3D&reserved=0) |

For further information about the enhancements, including those above, read [https://digital.nhs.uk/services/digital-and-interoperable-medicines/uk-medicines-terminology-futures](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdigital.nhs.uk%2Fservices%2Fdigital-and-interoperable-medicines%2Fuk-medicines-terminology-futures&data=05%7C01%7Cnicola.quinn1%40nhs.net%7C89bd93921bc7467633ce08dade8c0e57%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638066990351943987%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5isqg3cAYw9d80r3wv3ZJjZwNhSrx5gpmLV98lxJPh0%3D&reserved=0)

If you have any queries about these changes email nhsdigital.ukmeds@nhs.net

**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 |
| Cloral betaine 707mg tablets | 39069011000001104 | Imported | 12/10/2020 |
| Sandrena 1mg gel sachets | 40715411000001109 | Imported (Italy) |  13/06/2022 |
| Terizidone 250mg tablets | 41330211000001101 | Imported |  12/12/2022 |
| Cycloserine 250mg capsules | 38961511000001103 | Imported |  12/12/2022 |

**Invalidations**

None

**Advance Notice of Invalidations**

None

dm+d Authoring Team