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Dear dm+d User,

[**VMP ‘<Drug Form>’ coded attribute in dm+d – Advanced notice of Phase 2 changes**](https://nhsengland.kahootz.com/t_c_home/viewBlogArticle?articleID=982361&nextURL=%2Ft_c_home%2FviewBlog%3Fblogid%3D50136)

Following on from the Phase 1 drug form changes which appeared in the dm+d data on Monday 20 November 2023, we are providing **advanced notification** of the proposed dates for Phase 2 drug form changes.

The new Phase 2 drug forms were released in the TRUD extract Monday 15 January 2024, however these descriptions and codes will not be attached to VMPs until the dates confirmed (see below).

Please note that the new form: ‘42550811000001100 I Powder and solvent for intraocular instillation irrigation’ has been renamed ‘Powder and solvent for solution for intraocular irrigation’. The assigned SNOMED UK extension code remains the same.

Updates to the following drug forms are being planned to take place in the dm+d data:

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| **Dates** | **Phase 2 Drug Form Changes** | **Confirmation of change** |
| **Monday 29 January 2024** | * Implant, * **Implantation suspension** * **Irrigation** * **Irrigation solution** | Live in dm+d extract 29 January 2024 |
| **Monday 12 February 2024**  AND  **Monday 19 February 2024** | * **Liquid**\* * **Powder\***   ***\*Excluding oral and gastroenteral powders and liquids*** |  |
| **Monday 11 March 2024**  AND  **Monday 18 March 2024**  AND  **Monday 25 March 2024** | * **Oral and gastroenteral powders** * **Oral and gastroenteral liquids** |  |

More detailed information, including what new updated drugs forms will be available, are published on the webpage [Updating the NHS dm+d ‘<DRUG\_FORM>’ coded attribute within the Virtual Medicinal Product concept class - NHS Digital](https://digital.nhs.uk/services/terminology-and-classifications/uk-medicines-terminology-futures/changes-to-digital-terminologies/updating-the-nhs-dm-d-drug_form-coded-attribute-within-the-vmp-concept-class)

Information advising how technical queries might be written to identify VMP Drug Form changes from either TRUD or NHSE Terminology Server can be found here: [Identifying updates to the VMP <DRUG\_FORM> code attribute in Dictionary of medicines and devices (dm+d) - NHS Digital](https://digital.nhs.uk/services/terminology-and-classifications/uk-medicines-terminology-futures/changes-to-digital-terminologies/identifying-updates-to-the-vmp-drug_form-code-attribute-in-dm-d)

**MHRA Alert: EAN Barcode Error**

For dm+d users with an interest in GTIN/EAN codes, please be mindful of keeping up to date with MHRA alerts. On the 30th January 2024 the MHRA issued an alert regarding certain batches of Pantoprazole 40 mg Gastro-Resistant Tablets distributed by Crescent Pharma Limited. When scanned, the EAN barcode identifies the product as Bicalutamide 150 mg Tablets. The GTIN code printed on the pack is correct.

Please see the [MHRA Pantoprazole EAN barcode error alert](https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/class-4-medicines-defect-information-cadila-pharmaceuticals-uk-limited-pantoprazole-40-mg-gastro-resistant-tablets-el-24-a-slash-03?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=65c56ca6-e713-4ca4-9ffd-014847ff9cd3&utm_content=daily) for more information.

Though we are mindful of this MHRA alert, no resulting dm+d database changes have been made at this time.

**Advanced Notice: Rivaroxaban (Xarelto® 1mg/ml granules for oral suspension) Update - dm+d VMPP/AMPP Pack Sizes to be Updated to Reflect the Volumes of Water added for Reconstitution**

A dm+d issue has been raised regarding concerns that the volumes listed in the Drug Tariff and dm+d for Xarelto 1mg/ml granules for oral suspension do not reflect the actual usable volumes of the suspension after reconstitution which are not defined in the SmPC and packaging.

The dm+d Content Committee discussed this at length in a recent meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed that, for this product, the VMPPs/AMPPs will be updated to be based on the volumes of water added for reconstitution. This is the most pragmatic way forwards in the absence of final reconstituted volumes being categorically published in the SmPC.

Similarly, to plans previously communicated via this TRUD platform in June 2023, we will shortly be updating the pack sizes in dm+d to reflect the volumes of water added for reconstitution (rather than the bottle sizes) as follows:

**VMP**: Rivaroxaban 1mg/ml granules for oral suspension sugar free

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| **Pack size concepts to be made INVALID** | **REPLACEMENT pack size concepts** |
| VMPP: 100ml (bottle size) | VMPP: 50ml (volume of water added for reconstitution) |
| VMPP: 250ml (bottle size) | VMPP: 100ml (volume of water added for reconstitution) |

**AMP**: Xarelto 1mg/ml granules for oral suspension (Bayer Plc)

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| **Pack size concepts to be made INVALID** | **REPLACEMENT pack size concepts** |
| AMPP: 100ml (bottle size) | AMPP: 50ml (volume of water added for reconstitution) |
| AMPP 250ml (bottle size) | AMPP 100ml (volume of water added for reconstitution) |

Note – the larger bottle size allows sufficient space for mixing the granules and water.

**Part VIIIA of the NHS England and Wales Drug Tariff** also includes an entry that refers to the 250ml pack size and this will similarly be updated from 250ml to 100ml.

**Clinical system suppliers should** update their systems in a timely manner and support their users. Please be mindful that there might be a time lag between prescribing and dispensing system updates. Also, if there is any confusion for a few weeks after the update, dispensers and prescribers may need to link in with each other to ensure that prescriptions are in line with and reflect the **REPLACEMENT pack size concepts** in the tables above.

Should you have any further enquiries, please email [dmdenquiries@nhsbsa.nhs.uk](mailto:dmdenquiries@nhsbsa.nhs.uk)

**Monthly dm+d Supplier Workshop**

NHS England hosts a monthly workshop for IT system suppliers to discuss dm+d content and implementation queries.  It is an opportunity to speak with colleagues from NHS England and the NHSBSA who manage the terminology.

If you are a system supplier who is interested in joining the group, please contact [medicinestandards@nhs.net](mailto:medicinestandards@nhs.net) for more information.

**VMPP Invalidation Housekeeping Work Package**

For your information IT colleagues have run a query identifying VMPPs that are live in dm+d with associated AMPPs that are already invalid. These VMPPs have now been invalidated.

Should you require any more details please email [dmdenquiries@nhsbsa.nhs.uk](mailto:dmdenquiries@nhsbsa.nhs.uk)

**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 |
| Capsaicin 0.025% cream | 41539411000001105 | Imported | 27/03/2023 |
| Capsaicin 0.075% cream | 41540711000001105 | Imported | 27/03/2023 |
| Imiquimod 5% cream 250mg sachets | 41526711000001106 | Imported | 14/08/2023 |
| Pethidine 50mg tablets | 42161611000001107 | Imported (United States) | 14/08/2023 |
| Permethrin 5% cream | 42243511000001101 | Imported | 18/09/2023 |
| Vyvanse 30mg capsules | 42409311000001100 | Imported | 13/11/2023 |
| Vyvanse 40mg capsules | 42409611000001105 | Imported | 13/11/2023 |
| Vyvanse 50mg capsules | 42409811000001109 | Imported | 13/11/2023 |
| Vyvanse 70mg capsules | 42410011000001109 | Imported | 13/11/2023 |
| Lisdexamfetamine 30mg capsules | 42415211000001108 | Imported | 20/11/2023 |
| Lisdexamfetamine 40mg capsules | 42415411000001107 | Imported | 20/11/2023 |
| Lisdexamfetamine 50mg capsules | 42415611000001105 | Imported | 20/11/2023 |
| Lisdexamfetamine 70mg capsules | 42415811000001109 | Imported | 20/11/2023 |
| Bisacodyl 5mg suppositories | 42439811000001104 | Special Order | 27/11/2023 |
| Bumetanide 1mg tablets | 42440311000001100 | Imported | 27/11/2023 |
| Bumetanide 5mg tablets | 42440611000001105 | Imported | 27/11/2023 |
| Co-trimoxazole 40mg/200mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free | 42440811000001109 | Imported | 27/11/2023 |
| Disopyramide 250mg modified-release tablets | 42441311000001105 | Imported | 27/11/2023 |
| Griseofulvin 125mg tablets | 42441511000001104 | Imported (United States) | 27/11/2023 |
| Griseofulvin 500mg tablets | 42441811000001101 | Imported (United States) | 27/11/2023 |
| Lamotrigine 5mg dispersible tablets sugar free | 41526311000001107 | Imported | 27/11/2023 |
| Rasagiline 1mg tablets | 42442211000001109 | Imported | 27/11/2023 |
| Rythmodan 100mg capsules | 42442411000001108 | Imported (Canada) | 27/11/2023 |
| Rifampicin 150mg capsules | 42442611000001106 | Imported | 27/11/2023 |
| Fluticasone 400microgram/unit dose nasal drops | 42490511000001100 | Imported (Spain) | 11/12/2023 |
| Dicycloverine 10mg/5ml oral solution | 42491411000001108 | Imported (United States) | 11/12/2023 |
| Propantheline bromide 15mg tablets | 21013011000001107 | Imported (United States) | 11/12/2023 |
| Propantheline bromide 15mg tablets | 42492011000001107 | Imported (Australia) | 11/12/2023 |
| Diazepam 2mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free | 42495311000001104 | Special Order | 11/12/2023 |
| Hydrogen peroxide 3% solution | 42510811000001109 | Imported | 18/12/2023 |

**Invalidations**

See VMPP Invalidation Housekeeping Work Package note above.

**Advance Notice of Invalidations**

None

dm+d Authoring Team