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Re: Introduction of Rheumatology, Dermatology and Gastroenterology medications to the High Tech Hub

Dear Pharmacist,

The next phase of deployment for the High Tech Hub includes Rheumatology, Dermatology and Gastroenterology. From the 1st of June 2019, the medications whose drug codes are listed in Appendix 1 will only be available for order via the hub.

The following are the relevant suppliers for the next cohort of medications:

Allphar (New)
Galway Drug (New)
P.C.O.
Pfizer (New)
Uniphar
United Drug

The most efficient way to place orders is to use the hub to set up your preferred High Tech supplier(s). Alternatively you can select a preferred supplier(s) at drug level. If you have previously set up your preferred supplier(s), you should review and refresh your list taking into account the next cohort of medications operational on the High Tech Hub.

Skilarence (dimethyl fumarate) will also be included on the hub within this roll out. All newly initiated patients on Skilarence must be prescribed it through the hub. It is important to note that all High Tech prescription forms generated on the hub are prefaced by 'HTH'. Handwritten High Tech prescriptions for newly initiated dimethyl fumarate patients will not be eligible for reimbursement and should be returned to the prescriber for initiation through the High Tech Hub. The HSE expects all existing Fumaderm patients to transfer to the licensed dimethyl fumarate Skilarence product over the next three months.

As outlined in the FAQ, all High Tech medications (except for established Urology patients) must be written on a valid High Tech prescription to be eligible for reimbursement by the HSE PCRS. We are updating our User Guide and FAQ documents continuously. They can be located in the "Help" section in the High Tech Hub. Please ensure that your pharmacy staff and locums are kept informed of developments for the High Tech Arrangements.

The support team in the High Tech Co-ordination Unit can be contacted by email at pcrs.hitech@hse.ie or by telephone at 01 8647135. The High Tech Co-ordination Unit fax number is 01 8914899.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation with these developments.

Yours faithfully,

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APPENDIX 1**Additional high tech drugs added for ordering through the hub from 01/06/19**

*denotes that it must be both prescribed and ordered on the hub to be reimbursed.

GMS Code	Description	INN
88950	Amgevita soln for inj in pfp 40mg	Adalimumab
88951	Amgevita soln for inj in pfs 20mg	Adalimumab
88952	Amgevita soln for inj in pfs 40mg	Adalimumab
88862	Benepali soln for inj in pfs 25mg	Etanercept
88635	Benepali soln for inj in prefilled pen 50mg	Etanercept
88640	Benepali soln for inj in prefilled syringe 50mg	Etanercept
88677	Cimzia autoclick soln for inj prefilled autoclick 200mg/ml	Certolizumab
88502	Cimzia soln for inj prefilled 20/ml	Certolizumab
88172	Cosentyx soln for inj in pfp 150mg	Secukinumab
88096	Cosentyx soln for inj in pfp 150mg	Secukinumab
88039	Enbrel injection 25mg	Etanercept
88863	Enbrel myclic soln for inj in pfp 25mg	Etanercept
88095	Enbrel paed soln for inj in pfs 25mg	Etanercept
88246	Enbrel pdr and solv for soln for inj for paed use 10mg	Etanercept
88245	Enbrel soln for inj in pfp 50mg	Etanercept
88099	Enbrel soln for inj in pfs 50mg	Etanercept
88098	Enbrel soln for inj pfs 25mg	Etanercept
88718	Forsteo (P.C.O.) soln for inj in pre-filled pen 20mcg/0.8ml	Teriparatide
88494	Forsteo soln for inj in pre-filled pen 20mcg/0.8ml	Teriparatide
88955	Hulio soln for inj in pfp 40mg	Adalimumab
88956	Hulio soln for inj in pfs 40mg	Adalimumab
88938	Hulio solution for injection in vial 0.8ml (multipack) 40mg/0.8ml	Adalimumab

88892	Humira pre filled syringe for paed use 20mg	Adalimumab
88879	Humira soln for injection in pre filled pen 80mg	Adalimumab
88535	Humira soln for subcut inj for paed 40mg/0.8ml	Adalimumab
88570	Humira soln for subcut inj in pfp 40mg/0.4ml	Adalimumab
88565	Humira soln for subcut inj in pfs 40mg/0.4ml	Adalimumab
88953	Imraldi soln for inj in pfp 40mg	Adalimumab
88954	Imraldi soln for inj in pfs 40mg	Adalimumab
88936	Kineret soln for inj 100mg/0.67ml	Anakinra
88881	Kyntheum soln for inj in pfs 140mg/ml	Brodalumab
88875	Olumiant film coated tabs 2mg	Baricitinib
88876	Olumiant film coated tabs 4mg	Baricitinib
88555	Orencia soln for inj (clickjet) in pfs 125mg/ml	Abatacept
88782	Orencia soln for inj in pfs 125mg/ml	Abatacept
88873	Otezla 14 day initiation (10mgx4:20mgx4:30mgx19)	Apremilast
88872	Otezla film coated tabs 30mg	Apremilast
88964	Roactemra soln for inj in pfp (actipen) 162mg/0.9ml	Tocilizumab
88456	Roactemra soln for inj in pfs 162mg	Tocilizumab
88513	Simponi soln for inj pre filled syringe 50mg/0.5ml	Golimumab
88512	Simponi 50mg/0.5ml soln for inj pre filled pen 50mg/0.5ml	Golimumab
88331	Simponi soln for inj prefilled pen 100mg/ml	Golimumab
88934*	Skilarence 120mg*	Dimethyl fumarate*
88935*	Skilarence 120mg*	Dimethyl fumarate*
88933*	Skilarence 30mg*	Dimethyl fumarate*
88522	Stelara pre filled soln for inj 90mg/1ml	Ustekinumab
88521	Stelara pre filled soln for inj syringe 45mg/0.5ml	Ustekinumab
88525	Stelara soln for inj 45mg/0.5ml	Ustekinumab

88600	Taltz soln for inj in pfs 80mg/ml	Ixekizumab
88737	Taltz soln for inj in pre filled pen 80mg/ml	Ixekizumab
88890	Tremfya soln for inj in pfs 100mg	Guselkumab
88939	Tremfya soln for inj pfp 100mg	Guselkumab
88874	Xeljanz film coated tabs 5mg	Tofacitinib