

Lithium, Methotrexate and Warfarin Patient Information Ordering Process for GP Practices

Patient information to support the implementation of the NPSA alerts relating to Lithium, Methotrexate and Warfarin, can be ordered by e-mailing the BSO at the following address
pharmacystationeryorders@hscni.net

You should supply the following information:

- Practice name, address, telephone number and
- Quantity of each pack/record booklet required
 - Order quantities should be placed carefully based on anticipated need
 - Order quantities should not exceed 20 due to parcel size
 - It is likely that smaller quantities of lithium resources will be needed due to low patient numbers.

Patient information that may be ordered in this way is listed in the table below.

Lithium	1. Lithium Therapy Information Pack This contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithium Alert Card • Lithium Therapy Record Book • Lithium Therapy Important information for patients Book
	2. Lithium Therapy Record Book Only This should be used on an ongoing basis throughout treatment to record lithium levels and other monitoring results.
Methotrexate	1. Methotrexate Treatment Patient-held Blood Monitoring and Dosage Record Booklet. This booklet contains important information about Methotrexate treatment and should be used on an ongoing basis to record monitoring results. The booklet has an additional safety label attached highlighting that Methotrexate 2.5mg tablets or, in exceptional cases if a liquid is needed, 10mg/5ml strengths should be used in Northern Ireland.
Warfarin	1. Anticoagulant Therapy Information Pack This contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticoagulant Alert Card • Oral Anticoagulant Therapy Record Book • Oral Anticoagulant Therapy Important information for patients Book
	2. Anticoagulant Therapy Record Book This should be used on an ongoing basis throughout treatment to record INR results and the current recommended warfarin dose.

Please note:

These resources should be provided to patients at the start of their treatment, and in most cases will be provided by Secondary Care. Replacement books may need to be provided by GP practices as required. A **small** stock of these should be held by the practice for this purpose.

These books are intended to be held by the patient and should not be retained by the practice. It is important that arrangements are made to ensure the books are kept up to date as this information is used by other professionals (eg hospital staff, community pharmacists) to check recent test results.