



Berkshire West Area Prescribing Committee Policy Statement

Drug Name	Dapoxetine (Priligy®)		
Indication under review	Premature ejaculation (PE) in men		
Policy No:	APC 028		
Date of Issue/date of reissue:	January 2014/March 2017		
Review Date:	March 2020		
Policy Statement:	Dapoxetine (Priligy®) is NOT recommended for prescribing within primary care.		
Traffic Light Status	Brown		
Key Points considered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dapoxetine increased intravaginal ejaculation latency time in men from a baseline of 0.9 minutes to 3.5 to 4.2 minutes. • The cost of treatment is significantly higher than treatment with SSRI's (unlicensed use). • The committee understood that patients presenting with PE are usually given holistic advice to improve the condition and SSRI's are not routinely used to manage PE. • Criteria for determining eligibility for treatment with dapoxetine would be difficult to enforce within primary care. • This policy has been produced as a guide for GPs. Evidence and information was carefully considered and consulted upon by clinicians who concluded that this treatment is not a cost effective use of scarce NHS resources. There are situations where this policy may not apply to an individual patient due to their clinical exceptionality. This policy statement does not overrule an individual GPs clinical decision making and therefore each GP would be need to make the final decision on whether treatment is a cost-effective use of their CCG budget. 		
References:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pryer J et al. Efficacy and tolerability of dapoxetine in treatment of premature ejaculation: an integrated analysis of two double-blind, randomized controlled trials. Lancet Vol 368 sept 9, 2006 2. UKMI new drugs online 3. 3. McMahon CG, Althof SE, Kaufman JM, Buvat J, Levine SB, Aquilina JW, Tesfaye F, Rothman M, Rivas DA, Porst H. Efficacy and safety of dapoxetine for the treatment of premature ejaculation: integrated analysis of results from five phase 3 trials. J Sex Med. 2011 Feb;8(2):524-39. doi: 10.1111/j.1743-6109.2010.02097.x. Epub 2010 Nov 8 		
Policy reviewed by APC	1 st March 2017		
Date ratified by the GP MOC	15 th March 2017		

Berkshire West Area Prescribing Policies serve as a guide to clinicians. This does not overrule the clinical or budgetary responsibility of clinicians when considering treatment for individual patients.

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These drugs have been reviewed and are not considered a cost effective use of scarce NHS resources	Medicines suitable for routine use. Primary care prescribers take full responsibility for prescribing	Medicines that should be initiated by a specialist and can be continued in primary care under a shared care agreement.	Medicines which should be prescribed by specialists only