

## Berkshire West Area Prescribing Committee Policy Statement

<b>Drug Name</b>	Amantadine	
<b>Indication under review</b>	Parkinson's Disease	
<b>Policy No:</b>	APC 104	
<b>Date of Issue:</b>	May 2015	
<b>Review Date:</b>	May 2018	
<b>Policy Statement:</b>	Amantadine is indicated for use as per NICE guidelines for Parkinson's Disease only when first drugs of choice have not been tolerated. Treatment should be initiated by a specialist and shared care arranged with the patients GP (amber drug).	
<b>Traffic Light Status</b>	<b>Amber</b>	
<b>Key Points considered:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R34 amantadine may be used as a treatment for people with early Parkinson's Disease but should not be a drug of first choice as no evidence for the efficacy of amantadine in patients with early Parkinson's Disease could be identified.</li> <li>A systematic review concluded there were insufficient data to confirm whether amantadine was helpful in the management of motor complications, particularly dyskinesias. Subsequently, two small RCTs have suggested a very modest, short-lasting effect on dyskinesias.</li> </ul>	
<b>References:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnosis and pharmacological management of Parkinson's Disease. A national clinical guideline 2010.</li> </ul>	
<b>Date expired policy reviewed by APC:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	
<b>Date Ratified by GP MOC:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	

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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