



Berkshire West Area Prescribing Committee (BWAPC)

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Drug Name	Apremilast		
Indication under review	Psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and psoriasis		
Policy No:	APC 111		
Date of Issue:	May 2015		
Review Date:	May 2018		
Policy Statement: Apremilast is not recommended for routine use in the treatment of psoriasis or PsA.			
Traffic Light Status	Brown		
Key Points considered:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee wished to wait for NICE guidance which is expected later this year. 			
References:			
<p>Papp K, Reich K, Leonardi C, et al. Apremilast, an oral phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitor, in patients with moderate to severe psoriasis: Results from the randomized treatment withdrawal phase of a phase 3, randomized, controlled trial (ESTEEM 1) [poster]. <i>Poster presented at: 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) 2014; March 21-25; Denver, CO, USA.</i></p> <p>Papp K, Reich K, Leonardi C, et al. Apremilast, an Oral Phosphodiesterase 4 Inhibitor, in Nail and Scalp Psoriasis: 52-Week Results From the ESTEEM 1 Study [poster]. <i>Poster presented at: 22nd Annual Meeting of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) 2013; October 2-6; Istanbul, Turkey.</i></p> <p>Paul C, Cather J, Gooderham M, et al. Apremilast, an oral phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitor, in patients with moderate to severe psoriasis: 16-week results of a phase 3, randomized, controlled trial (ESTEEM 2) [poster]. <i>Poster presented at: 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) 2014; March 21-25; Denver, CO, USA.</i></p> <p>Reich K, Papp K, Leonardi C, et al. Effects of Apremilast on Health-Related Quality of Life in Patients With Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis: Results From the ESTEEM 1 Study [poster]. <i>Poster presented at: 22nd Annual Meeting of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) 2013a; October 2-6; Istanbul, Turkey</i></p> <p>Cutolo M, Mease PJ, Gladman D, et al. Apremilast, an Oral Phosphodiesterase 4 Inhibitor, Is Associated With Long-Term (52-Week) Improvement In Tender and Swollen Joint Counts In Patients With Psoriatic Arthritis: Results From Three Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Trials [poster]. <i>Poster presented at: 77th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) and the 48th Annual Meeting of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP) 2013a; October 25-30; San Diego, CA, USA.</i></p> <p>Cutolo M, Myerson GE, Fleischmann RM, et al. Long-Term (52-Week) Results of a Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Trial of Apremilast, an Oral Phosphodiesterase 4 Inhibitor, in Patients with Psoriatic Arthritis (PALACE 2) [oral]. <i>Oral presented at: 77th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) and the 48th Annual Meeting of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP) 2013b; October 25-30; San Diego, CA, USA.</i></p> <p>Edwards CJ, Birbara C, Blanco FJ, et al. Apremilast, an oral phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitor, in patients with psoriatic arthritis including current skin involvement: Results of a Phase 3, randomized, controlled trial (PALACE 3) [oral]. <i>Oral presented at: 14th Annual European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) 2013a; June 12-15; Madrid, Spain.</i></p> <p>Gladman D, Mease PJ, Kavanaugh A, et al. Apremilast, an Oral Phosphodiesterase 4 Inhibitor, is Associated with Long-Term (52-Week) Improvements in Enthesitis and Dactylitis in Patients with Psoriatic Arthritis: Pooled Results From Three Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Trials [oral]. <i>Oral presented at: 77th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) and the 48th Annual Meeting of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP) 2013; October 25-30; San Diego, CA, USA.</i></p> <p>Kavanaugh A, Mease PJ, Gomez-Reino JJ, et al. Longterm (52-week) Results of a Phase III Randomized, Controlled Trial of Apremilast in Patients with Psoriatic Arthritis. <i>J Rheumatol.</i> 2015 Mar;42(3):479-88. doi: 10.3899/jrheum.140647. Epub 2015 Jan 15. (Original) PMID: 25593233</p>			
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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.

Brown	Green	Amber	Red
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