



Shared Care Agreement for hydroxycarbamide for Polycythaemia Vera, Myelofibrosis and Essential Thrombocythaemia

Berkshire West Area Prescribing Committee classification: **Amber**

RESPONSIBILITIES and ROLES

Specialist responsibilities	
1	Discuss treatment options with the patient and identify appropriate patient to receive hydroxycarbamide.
2	Initiate hydroxycarbamide therapy (at least first 2 months)
3	Prescribe hydroxycarbamide during initiation phase of hydroxycarbamide therapy.
4	Seek the cooperation of the GP in undertaking care of the patient, in accordance with these guidelines, in the referral letter or by telephone.
5	Provide the patient with appropriate patient information leaflets.
6	Review patient's condition and tolerance to treatment regularly until stabilised on treatment.
7	Monitor the FBC (full blood count) in clinic at no less frequently than 6 weekly intervals until stabilised on treatment according to local practice and individual patient factors.
8	Ensure that the patient is fully aware of any change in the required hydroxycarbamide dose.
9	Once stabilised monitor FBC and Renal Profile 3 monthly and enquire with patient regarding new symptoms.
10	Thereafter the patient can be transferred over to the nurse led DAWN Haematology service under consultant supervision.
11	Inform the GP of the most recent blood results, and advise the GP on when to adjust the prescribed dose, stop prescribing treatment, or consult with the specialist. This task will be delegated to the DAWN Haematology service if appropriate.
12	Explain to the patient / carer their roles

General Practitioner responsibilities	
1	Subsequent prescribing of hydroxycarbamide at the dose recommended by the specialist.
2	Advise the patient to adjust the prescribed dose as advised by the specialist and the DAWN service.
3	Monitor the patient's overall health status.
4	Report adverse events or any other relevant information or concerns to the specialist.
5	Reiterate the roles of the patient / carer.

Patient's / carer's roles	
1	Ask the specialist or GP for information if he or she does not have a clear understanding of the treatment
2	Share any concerns in relation to treatment with hydroxycarbamide
3	Tell the specialist or GP of any other medication being taken, including over-the-counter products
4	Read the patient information leaflet included with the medication and report any side effects or concerns to the specialist or GP

BACK-UP ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Contact details	Specialist Telephone No.
Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust Hospital	DAWN service 0118 322 8247 Individual consultant's telephone 0119 3225111. Secretary extensions listed below Grech 8115 Khan 7187 Mucklow 7758 Ramasamy8656 Sampson 7757

This information sheet does not replace the Summary of Product Characteristics, which should be read in conjunction with this guidance. Prescribers should also refer to the appropriate paragraph in the current edition of the BNF.

The GP has the right to refuse to agree to shared care, in such an event the total clinical responsibility will remain with the consultant

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