

Medicines Optimisation Team

## Prescribing Memo

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### Prescribing of alternative adrenaline auto-injector device Jext – implementation date **1<sup>st</sup> June 2013**

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#### Main points

In collaboration with the regional group of Immunologists it was decided that a single adrenaline auto injector device should be chosen for the North East. A procurement process followed, managed by the North East Procurement Service and the contract was awarded to ALK-Abelo UK Ltd who manufactures the Jext® brand of auto injector. GPs have been advised to start prescribing Jext® once they have received the necessary training and training materials. Some hospital trusts in the North East will be supplying Jext® from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

**Please ensure that you adjust your stock levels of Jext® and Epipen® so that you are ready for this change in prescribing.**

The change from Epipen® to Jext® has been made because:

- Jext® has a longer shelf life from point of manufacture.
- Cost saving will be made as the replacement device will be issued less frequently due to the longer shelf life.
- Using one device across the North is safer and makes training easier.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

- **ADJUST YOUR STOCK LEVELS OF EPIPEN® AND JEXT® as you will see more prescriptions of Jext® and fewer for EpiPen®.**
- **PLEASE LIASE WITH YOUR LOCAL GP PRACTICES if you are still seeing scripts for EpiPen after the beginning of June.**

**When Jext® is dispensed, please ensure:**

- **The patient has a copy of the patient information leaflet. (This may have been given by the GP)**
- **The patient knows how to use the device.**

A supporting pack (including patient information leaflets, DVD and a training device) will be sent to all pharmacies in the next few weeks by ALK-Abello UK Ltd. They will also offer training Contact details to organise training are:

**Shona Hawkins, Telephone: 07917 631740 Email: [shona.hawkins@alk-abello.com](mailto:shona.hawkins@alk-abello.com)**

This is a large educational project providing the same training to GP practices, community services and the Local Education Authority. The community nursing services and the Local Education authority have both been advised of the change. The school nurses will have been offered the same training.

Dispensing the same device across the region is helpful especially in the paediatric population. Uniformity of devices in schools which takes away uncertainty and confusion that could be created by keeping more than one variety of devices in nurses offices at schools, football clubs etc.

Please contact your local Medicines Optimisation Team if you have any queries about this change. Thank you for your support in implementing this local recommendation.