

14th April 2023

Dear colleagues

Just a few items of news for you!

- **Mebeverine liquid:** due to its high cost the Prescribing and Formulary Panel (PFP) have decided to remove it from the white list. Prescriptions will not be reimbursed after May of this year. Advice from the *Handbook of Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes* states that tablets may be crushed and mixed with water.
- **Colecalciferol 2000 I.U. Tablets:** This strength and formulation stands apart from other vitamin D preparations as it was attracting an absurdly high price. It has also been removed from the white list. Prescriptions will not be reimbursed after June of this year.

Controlled Drug Monthly Returns

Many thanks to everyone for their hard work in submitting the monthly returns electronically. The staff who collate the data do not have pharmaceutical training so having the information on a spreadsheet is essential for them.

I know from personal experience that it's one of those jobs that you can all do without but unfortunately it is unavoidable. Misuse of drugs legislation requires that we supply the UK home office with detailed information on all imports.

If anyone would like help using excel to submit the data, please let me know. We could offer the opportunity for a training session. Either one evening if there is sufficient demand, or for individuals during the day.

Finally, I'm not sure I want this widely known, but I have been granted my own telephone number! You may now speak to me on:

224108

Geraldine is still available on 224207.

Many Thanks as always for your hard work and support.

Best Wishes

Marc