

Cwm Taf UHB INFORM Formulary Prescribing Categories

Headline Category	Definition
General Prescribing (G)	Suitable for prescribing in primary and secondary care
Specialist Recommended (R)	To be <i>recommended</i> for prescribing by a Specialist, without the requirement for the Specialist to initiate the drug or to ensure that the patient's treatment is stabilised prior to transfer of care to primary care. Initial prescribing and supply can be in primary care
Specialist Initiated (S)	To be <i>initiated</i> by Specialist and, following <i>stabilisation</i> , subsequent prescribing can transfer to primary care. This group includes drugs for which shared-care and/or enhanced service protocols exist.
Hospital Prescribing Only (HP)	Secondary care retains responsibility for prescribing for the duration of treatment but supply can be made in either secondary or primary care e.g. via WP10(HP)
Hospital Use Only (HO)	All prescribing AND supply remains in secondary care.

Secondary category	Place in therapy
1st line	A suitable first choice
2nd line	Prescribe only after a first line agent has been tried or rejected on grounds of side effects or allergy. In many cases these will be the less cost effective agents.
3rd line	Prescribe only after a first and second line agent have been tried or rejected on grounds of side effects or allergy. In many cases these will be the less cost effective agents.