

Enoxaparin ('Clexane') management arrangements (for website)

Enoxaparin ('Clexane') is a novel anticoagulant which treats certain conditions better than warfarin. It may only be administered by injection and once a patient has been started on Clexane continuity of supply is essential. Clexane injections are available in seven different strengths, each strength being supplied in minimum packs of ten. Enoxaparin may only be prescribed through the Special Authority approval scheme, it is not obtainable on PSO and is comparatively expensive.

There have been supply problems with Clexane in the past. The purpose of this project was to put arrangements in place which will ensure that Clexane may be prescribed and is on hand for the initial dose and that there are no barriers to a continuity of supply whether the patient is in Nelson or Blenheim or in a rural area.

Arrangements for: -

In-patients on discharge from hospital or A & E Dept: –

- Provided with a minimum 3 days supply or full course
- Provided with prescription with Special Authority for continuation supply

Patients diagnosed by GP: –

- Given initial dose and referred to radiography for diagnosis confirmation
- After diagnosis patient sent back to GP for prescription with Special Authority for continuation supply and training for self injection or administration by district nurse

After-hours service –

- Patients may be referred to the after hours surgery at 96 Waimea Road Nelson or the after hours GP service in Blenheim where they may receive their initial dose of Clexane.
- Alternatively a GP may give the initial dose from either own supply, a late hour pharmacy (Prices Pharmacy, Richmond Mall, The Warehouse pharmacies, & Springlands) or pharmacist call out or referral to hospital.

Rural Districts

Takaka - -hospital retains small stock for immediate use.
-doctor surgery retains small leftover stock.
-Pharmacy holds small stock & more available within 24 hours.

Murchison- -hospital maintains small stock. Patients given initial dose and referred to Nelson hospital.

Wakefield- -surgery retains small stock and pharmacy has access to emergency stock

Rural Marlborough -Hospital and after hours service in Blenheim

Supply situation:

- Most pharmacies in Nelson and Marlborough have a small supply available for immediate use and can obtain further supplies within 24 hours
- Propharma Nelson wholesaler now holds stock of common strengths which can be supplied to Nelson region pharmacies within the day.
- Nelson & Wairau hospitals have stocks.
- After hours Surgery at Waimea Road retains small stocks as do late hour pharmacies above.
- Although Clexane is not available on a Practitioner Supply Order, GP practice staff are finding it practical to retain one or two vials on hand for immediate use.