



Daily update
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Message from NHSGGC HEPMA team and Antimicrobial Team

On 5 January 2026 we will be introducing mandatory indication recording for five more antibacterials. Currently this functionality is in place for antiviral, antifungal and antiparasitic prescribing. It will initially be introduced for the following antibacterials – Amoxicillin, Clarithromycin, Doxycycline, Levofloxacin and Co-amoxiclav. If you are unfamiliar with this functionality please access the [short training video here](#) (1 minute 05 long).

The screenshot shows a web-based prescribing form for 'Fluconazole 200 mg Capsules'. At the top, there's a 'Communication zone' with tabs for 'INDICATION SEARCH', 'DRUG SEARCH', 'CLINICAL DRUG INFORMATION', and 'HELP'. Below this is a progress bar with steps: 'Drug Notes', 'Formulary', 'Drug Conflicts', 'Order Entry', and 'Confirmation'. The 'Formulary' step is active, showing 'This drug is on formulary.' and 'Prescribing Rationale'. The 'Indication' field is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it with the text 'Select the relevant indication from this dropdown menu'. Below the 'Indication' field is a 'Diagnostic Confidence' section with four radio buttons: 'Confirmed', 'Differential', 'Provisional', and 'Unconfirmed'. A blue arrow points to this section with the text 'Select confidence in the diagnosis from this list'. At the bottom right, there's a green button labeled 'Next' and a red button labeled 'Cancel'. A green arrow points to the 'Next' button with the text 'Click "Next" to continue with the prescription as usual'. A small asterisk at the bottom left indicates '* required order information.'

Mandatory indication recording is being implemented to clearly document the antimicrobial treatment plan for each patient. This enhancement facilitates continuity of care during transitions between wards or departments and enables the multidisciplinary team to discuss the rationale for antimicrobial therapy with patients, without the need to access detailed clinical notes. While prescribers are encouraged to provide the most accurate indication possible, it is recognised that some uncertainty may exist at the time

of prescribing. The indication can be updated at any point of the course of treatment to clarify. This is shown in the training video.

Recording of indication for antimicrobials within HEPMA is being introduced across Scotland and is being led by the Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG). Recording of indication is one of the key Scottish Government National Antimicrobial Prescribing targets to support better prescribing and underpins the 2024-2029 UK Antimicrobial Resistance National Action Plan.

The indication is displayed when hovering over the antimicrobial name:

REGULAR

AMOXICILLIN_ 500 mg Injection

11-NOV-202512-NOV-202513-NOV-202514-NOV-202515-NOV-202516-NOV-2025

17-NOV-2025

Directions THREE TIMES DAILY 7am:12pm:10pm

Dose 1000 mg

RESP - PNEUMONIA COMMUNITY ACQUIRED (Confirmed)

PRN

In the prescription summary screen:

AMOXICILLIN_ 500 mg Injection

Communication zone

ORDER HISTORYADMIN HISTORYINDICATIONCLINICAL DRUG INFORMATIONHELP

Order InformationVerificationOrder ModifyOrder NotesOrder Tasks

Legend

REGULARNON STOCK

AMOXICILLIN_ 500 mg Injection

DateOctober 2025November 2025

Day222324252627282930311234567891011121314151617

07:00

12:00

22:00

Rx on08-Jul-2025 13:52Stop on

BNFBroad-spectrum penicillinsPrescriberTT Doctor

Indication: RESP - PNEUMONIA COMMUNITY ACQUIRED (Confirmed)

Order HistoryAdministration History

And in the administration screen:

REGULARNON STOCK

AMOXICILLIN 1000mg (1g) Injection

Date

Day

Dose 1000 mg

Route Intravenous Slow Bol...

07:00

Frequency THREE TIMES DAILY 7am:12pm:10pm

12:00

Indication RESP - PNEUMONIA COMMUNITY ACQUIRED (Pro...

22:00

If you have any questions about this functionality, please contact the HEPMA team at nhsggc.hepma@nhs.scot

GGC Medicines Update



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New blogs

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- [Oral Nutritional Supplements \(ONS\) Formulary Update November 2025 for adults and older children](#)
- [Updated NHSGGC Antiplatelet Guidelines Published](#)

Updates

- [Formulary Update November 2025](#)
- [Guideline News November 2025](#)
- [MHRA Safety Roundup November 2025](#)
- [Formulary Update December 2025](#)

🎄 The team behind the Medicines Update blogs would like to wish all our readers a wonderful festive period 🎄

All of our blogs can be found on the [GGC Medicines website](#). The search function can be used to find specific blogs. Anyone can join our mailing list by contacting us at ggc.medicines.update@nhs.scot



QI Network Event Wednesday 10 December 2025 – round up

We are delighted to release our recordings and presentation slides from Wednesday 10 December 2025 event.

Part 1 - Laura Strachan and Louise Thomson share their experience of the Scottish Quality and Safety Fellowship Programme, followed by Eileen Capek talking us through the lessons learned from Crisis Negotiations for Quality Improvers:

[NHSGGC QI Network Event December 2025-20251210_100127-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Part 2 - Our speakers lead us through an interactive session of putting the Theory into Practice, including the Art of Listening and being the Innovators:

[NHSGGC QI Network Event December 2025-20251210_111521-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Part 3 - The last part focused on reflections from our attendees and final closing statements from our speakers:

[NHSGGC QI Network Event December 2025-20251210_114728-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

PowerPoint Presentation December 2025:

[Slides for QI Event December 2025.pptx](#)

Our next Network event will be **Wednesday 17 March 2026, 13:00hrs – 15:00hrs** - Keep your eye on our [MS Teams channel](#) for more information.

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