

**DH CIRCULAR No.88/2014**  
DH 1121/201412<sup>th</sup> March 2014**Attention All:** Consultants  
Medical Officers  
Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Technicians  
Nurses**Re: Calcium Carbonate**

It is being brought to your attention that due to supply problems and after consultations with Clinicians, Calcium Carbonate 1500mg (equivalent to 600mg elemental calcium or Ca<sup>2+</sup> 15mmol) chewable tablets are now available, instead of the 1250mg (equivalent to 500mg or Ca<sup>2+</sup> 12.5mmol) dose.

These tablets should be chewed, not swallowed whole. As with the previous formulation, the 1500mg dose can also be used as a phosphate binding agent.

The item can be prescribed by Consultants and has an ATC code of A02AC01. The formulary was amended accordingly.

Thank you  
For your attention, please

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