



MINISTRY for HEALTH
15, PALAZZO CASTELLANIA, MERCHANTS STREET, VALLETTA, MALTA

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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Renewal of Exceptional Medicinal Treatment

As you are aware, in exceptional situations, certain treatment, which is not available on the Government Formulary List (GFL), may be approved on a named-patient basis. In these cases, the amount of stock provided is usually sufficient to last for the validity of the individual permit, at the specified dose, hence appropriate stock management is very important.

Therefore, following DH Circular 422/2016 Re '[Change in Dose of Non-Formulary Exceptional Medicinal Treatment](#)', it is being brought to your attention that renewals of exceptionally approved medicines, not available on the GFL, should be made well in advance of their expiry. This is very important in order to allow adequate time for processing and for additional stock to be purchased. Failure to do so may possibly result in interruption of treatment due to unavailability of stock. Delivery times may be long and it is therefore being recommended that all necessary documentation is finalized and submitted **10 weeks** prior to expiry of the approval.

You are also being reminded that when changes in doses of exceptionally approved medicines, not available on the GFL, are required, an email should be sent to dpa.health@gov.mt to request the change in dose. Approval will be granted once it is made sure that appropriate stock is available for the change in dose to take place.

For further information and assistance, kindly phone on 2595 5232 or send an e mail to dpa.health@gov.mt.

For your attention please.

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