



# Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding blood glucose meters and monitors within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

### Request/Response:

- 1) A list of Blood Glucose Meters and corresponding testing strips which are included in the formulary used by primary care prescribers in the CCG.

[Please see Appendix 1](#)

- 2) For each of the blood glucose monitors/ blood glucose testing strips listed under 1, please can you:

- a) Provide the date of formulary decision (month and year)

[Please see Appendix 1 which was Area Pharmaceutical Committee approved in September 2015. For information all Cheshire and Merseyside CCG's work collaboratively across Cheshire and Merseyside and this was ratified in October 2015 by NHS Southport and Formby CCG.](#)

- b) Provide a date for formulary review if any has been set

[The Area Pharmaceutical Committee will review in six months.](#)

- 3) A list of Insulin pen needles which are included in the formulary used by primary care prescribers in the CCG.

[None](#)

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4) For each of the insulin pen needles listed under 1, please can you:

a) Provide the date of formulary decision (month and year)

N/A

b) Provide a date for formulary review if any has been set.

N/A



**PAN MERSEY AREA PRESCRIBING COMMITTEE**  
**PRESCRIBING POLICY STATEMENT**  
**REF: FINAL**  
**DATE OF APPROVAL: 30 SEPT 2015**  
**PENDING CCG APPROVAL**



**Pan Mersey**  
 Area Prescribing Committee

**Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee Guideline**  
**- Blood Glucose Meters and Testing Strips.**

First choice meters <b>GREEN</b>	Testing Strips	Cost of 50 strips
Accu-chek Active (Roche Diagnostics) Contour TS (Bayer Diabetes Care) Element (Neon Diagnostics) Glucomen Areo (Menarini Diagnostics) GlucoRx Nexus /Nexus mini (GlucoRx) GluNeo (Neon Diagnostics) MyLife Pura (Ypsomed) TEE2 (Spirit Healthcare) WaveSense JAZZ (AgaMatrix)	Active Contour TS Element Glucomen Areo Sensor GlucoRx Nexus GluNeo MyLife Pura TEE2 WaveSense JAZZ	£9.95 £9.50 £9.89 £9.95 £9.95 £9.89 £9.50 £7.75 £9.87
Specific patient group requiring alternative meters (N.B. Use on specialist advice) <b>AMBER</b>	Suggested meter	Testing Strips and cost of 50 strips
Carbohydrate counting Insulin pumps	Accu-chek Aviva Expert (Roche Diagnostics) Contour Next Link (Bayer) with Medtronic pump FreeStyle InsuLinX (Abbott)	Aviva (£15.79) Contour Next (£15.04) FreeStyle Lite (£15.73)
Visual impairment	GlucoRx Nexus Voice (GlucoRx)	GlucoRx Nexus (£9.95)
Impaired manual dexterity unable to use first choice meter	Accucheck Mobile (Roche Diagnostics) Ensure patients are following specific testing procedure - risk of falsely high readings if testing procedure is not followed. <a href="#">Further details here</a>	Mobile (£32.18 /100)
Need to test for ketones also	Freestyle Optium Neo (Abbott) GlucoMen LX Plus (Menarini Diagnostics)	Freestyle Optium / Optium B ketone (£15.71/£21.04) GlucoMen LX Sensor / Ketone (£15.59/£20.84)
Dialysis	All meters in table are suitable	
Discreet testing essential and first choice meter not suitable	Accucheck Mobile (Roche Diagnostics) Ensure patients are following specific testing procedure - risk of falsely high readings if testing procedure is not followed. <a href="#">Further details here</a>	Mobile (£32.18 /100)

**All prices correct at the time of writing.**

**N.B. This guideline does not restrict selection of a meter to those listed where an alternative is more appropriate**

All first choice meters have been selected using a scoring system that evaluates evidence of accuracy, meter features, manufacturer support and cost, and comply with International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 15197.2013 demonstrated independently and offer:

- Free meters to NHS locations and service users (minimum UK current stock 10,000 meters).
- Free replacement batteries, log books, lancing pens.
- Technical support provided via freephone number (not answering - machine).
- Free support material and meter training for all healthcare professionals.
- Free internal control solution.
- Measure only in mmol/L units and cannot be changed.
- Provide plasma-calibrated meter readings. - Haematocrit range between 30-60% (or more).
- Measurement range between 1.1 to 33.3mmol/L (or more).
- Unable to delete readings from memory.
- No calibration or coding required
- Expiry date of testing strips – minimum 6 months from opening.

**Reference:**

North West Commissioning Support Unit, [GMMMG Blood Glucose Test Strip \(BGTS\) evaluation protocol and results](#), May 2015

Drug Tariff, September 2015