

Community Urgent Eye Service (CUES) Independent Prescriber Formulary

This formulary is to enable community optometrists plus IP qualified optometrists to deliver management of care under the current commissioned range of conditions described as the CUES service.

Drug Group	Drug	Product	CUES Indication	CUES Formulary Notes
Anti-allergy	Sodium cromoglicate	2% eyedrops 2% eyedrops PF	Acute allergic conjunctivitis	Direct to self-care in first instance. Preservative free should only be used with previously documented preservative allergy
	Ketotifen	Ketofall® udv 0.25mg/ml PF	Acute allergic conjunctivitis	Encourage self-care in first instance
Antiviral	Ganciclovir	0.15% eye gel	Herpes Simplex Keratitis and Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus	1st line Topical
	Aciclovir	eye ointment 30mg/g	Herpes Simplex Keratitis and Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus	2nd line Topical
Antibacterial	Chloramphenicol	drop 0.5% ointment 1% drop PF	Prophylaxis following ocular trauma (abrasions, foreign body removal. Marginal keratitis, bacterial conjunctivitis, blepharitis)	Preservative free should only be used with previously documented preservative allergy
	Ofloxacin	Exocin® 0.3% drops	bacterial conjunctivitis not responding to Chloramphenicol	1st line Fluroquinolone
	Ciprofloxacin	Ciloxan® 0.3% eyedrops	bacterial conjunctivitis not responding to Chloramphenicol	2 nd line Fluroquinolone
Dry Eye	HWICB Dry Eye Guidance		Follow HW ICB Dry Eye Guidance	Direct to self-care in line with Guidance
Steroid	Dexamethasone	Maxidex® 0.1% eyedrops Generic 0.1% PF	Anterior uveitis	Uveitis can be managed in primary care. Treatment would usually be appropriate in primary care for repeat presentations i.e. those who had previously been seen in secondary care and had a recurrence. If necessary, this could be prescribed after consultation with the ophthalmology team.
	Prednisolone	0.5% eyedrops Pred forte® 1% eyedrops	Anterior uveitis	
	Fluorometholone	FML Liquifilm® 0.1% eyedrops	Anterior uveitis Superficial ocular inflammatory conditions	
NSAID	Ketorolac Trometamol	Acular® 0.5% eyedrops	Episcleritis, post-operative uveitis	Post operative uveitis may also have treatment started in primary care along with a referral back to secondary care surgery provider.
Parasympathomimetic	Pilocarpine	1% eyedrops 2% eyedrops	Uveitis with secondary ocular hypertension or steroid responders who become hypertensive due to the initially prescribed medical therapy	Treat and ensure referral into secondary care as appropriate
Anti-muscarinics	Cyclopentolate hydrochloride	0.5% eyedrops 1% eyedrops	Used for the symptomatic relief of ciliary spasm in patients with a corneal abrasion or for patients with anterior uveitis in addition to topical steroid treatment	
Beta Blocker	Timolol	0.25% eyedrops 0.5% eyedrops	Uveitis with secondary ocular hypertension or steroid responders who become hypertensive due to the initially prescribed medical therapy	Treat and ensure referral into secondary care as appropriate
Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitor	Brinzolamide	10mg/ml Eye Drops	To decrease elevated intraocular pressure in ocular hypertension for whom beta blockers are contraindicated.	Treat and ensure referral into secondary care as appropriate