



## **Welcome to the March Q&A!**

**Trusts represented today include: North Bristol, GSTT, Imperial, Liverpool, Cambridge, Kings, Norfolk & Norwich, Glasgow, Western Trust NI, Salford, Royal Devon, St George's, Leicester**



# Updates

- **RPG conference 2024 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October** - save the date!! 😊
  - Birmingham Arden Hotel
- **UK Kidney week 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June 2024**
  - Edinburgh Conference Centre
  - Liaise with Cathy Pogson to get involved ([cathy.pogson@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:cathy.pogson@porthosp.nhs.uk))
- **CPC London 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May**
  - Volunteers to help promote RPG
  - Liaise with Clare Morlidge to get involved ([claremorlidge@nhs.net](mailto:claremorlidge@nhs.net))
- Weekly teams chat for advanced/consultant portfolios
  - Email [cathy.pogson@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:cathy.pogson@porthosp.nhs.uk) if you would like to join
- Reminder to check your RPG membership is up to date
  - Large number of lapsed memberships, currently being checked against the Q&A whastapp group list

# Updates

- NICE TA: Budesonide (Kinpeygo) expected mid April
  - IgA Nephropathy
  - May need to purchase via HealthNet (not necessarily needed to be on homecare)
  - Note also called Nefocon
- NICE applications:
  - Vadadustat (renal anaemia)
  - Sparsentan (IgA Nephropathy)
- UKKA updates:
  - Rare Renal looking for members



# Supply Problems



- Basiliximab
  - ULM route possible, cost pressure (?can't recoup as block contract ?contract deviation possible)
- Salbutamol Nebes
  - ?ULM options available
- Sando K/slow Na/sando phos
  - Supply not yet robust for phosphate Sandoz
  - Sando K back
  - Slow Na still out
- Taurolock U/Alteplase
  - Taurolock U back
  - Alteplase 2mg still OOS – options include ULM alteplase (cost pressure) or urokinase
- Mycophenolic acid 360mg
  - 360s generic OOS, plenty of 180s available
  - Myfortic available in both strengths
- Ganciclovir (pre made bags +/- raw ingredient) ?make on ward with appropriate PPE
  - Please share if you have information on safely making on ward
- Ibandronate/Pamidronate
  - Zoledronic acid with appropriate prehydration and dose reduction
- IV alfacalcidol ?short term (e.g. nonresponders, short bowel etc)

# Q&A Themes - Guidelines

- RDD access – resolved
- DFK guidelines
- Tolvaptan guidelines/PIL
  - Consultation on PKD guidelines – please share responses
- Iron guidelines
  - UKKA guideline commentary closed
- HD patients on holiday – no guidelines but case by case basis



# Q&A Themes - Renal



- Tolvaptan and sleep disruption
- Alendronate in dental surgery
  - <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/5206/smpc> For patients requiring dental procedures, there are no data available to suggest whether discontinuation of bisphosphonate treatment reduces the risk of osteonecrosis of the jaw. Clinical judgement of the treating physician should guide the management plan of each patient based on individual benefit/risk assessment.
- Sirolimus oint for TS
- LMWH in renal impairment and extremes of BMI
- Bivalirudin in CKD
- Supply issues ++
- Belimumab reconstitution



# Q&A Themes - Dialysis

- Flu prophylaxis in HD units
- Hep B vaccine administration around HD
- Cipro in IP protocols
- DFK in home HD
- Zoledronic acid for pagets in HD
- SST on HD days
- Ceftriaxone 4g OD in HD
  - ?Higher doses helpful in low albumin
  - ?Case reports suggest neurotoxic symptoms with limited benefit at higher doses
  - Awareness - ?look for alternative option

# Q&A Themes - Transplant

- Tb prophylaxis
- I/S in skin cancer
  - To be addressed in post-op Tx care guideline later this year – Sara and Charlotte in working group
- Pirfenidone/Nintedanib





# Q&A – New Qu



- LKN finance updates – block contract vs out of contract
  - Move from specialist commissioning to ICB funding (not all areas will move at the same time)
  - IS costs will move to ICBs (over the next year), starting with East of England as a pilot, Midlands and Northwest
  - Hospitals will continue to prescribe
  - Further information to come

## Q&A – New Qu

- Ongoing issues with receiving emails from RPG/UKKA
  - Mailchimp / different email addresses
  - Add to safe senders lists where possible:
    - [rpg@ukkidney.org](mailto:rpg@ukkidney.org)





## Q&A – New Qu

- Vaccinations pre-transplant
  - Annual flu vaccine
  - Covid spring and winter boosters
  - Pneumovax
  - Shingles
  - Age trigger rather than comorbidity?
  - Dawn working on document to share with GPs
  - Chickenpox query – VZV vaccine
    - Consideration of how we manage live vaccines in dialysis patients who may be considered as being immunosuppressed
    - Most transplant units giving VZV to dialysis patients pre-transplant
    - RDD update required for clarification around safety (need to align with green book)
    - Likely needs individual patient consideration of relative risk

# Q&A – New Qu



- Imlifidase
  - High cost +++
  - Finance teams concerned about carrying risk by holding a supply of imlifidase which may not be used
  - Will NHSE underwrite costs of unused drug?
    - Precedent set with other high cost drugs – has been agreed before but no units have had it agreed thus far
  - Some units only listing 1-2 patients at a time
  - Agreement from drug company to replace twice if expired = 3 years expiry
  - Option of sharing stock geographically across units?
  - Leeds experience ~18 hours notice to sort logistics of administration

# March Q&A - Close



**Thank you for attending!**

## Next Q&A: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Keep in touch** throughout the month on **WhatsApp Q&A Group**

- >100 participants throughout UK and Ireland
- Useful real time forum for clinical Q's
- Please consider joining!

