



Northern Health August Formulary Update

Effective August 20, 2018

Formulary Addition:

- a. olopatadine 0.1% ophthalmic drops (Patanol®): now available on formulary.
- b. secobarbital powder: now available on formulary.
- c. sodium nitrite injection: now available on formulary.
- d. sodium thiosulfate injection: now available on formulary without restrictions.

Formulary-Restricted Criteria Update:

- a. carbetocin (Duratocin®): **New!** Restriction expanded to include prevention of post-partum hemorrhage in vaginal deliveries for patients with one or more risk factors to reduce the need for uterine massage. See [NH Formulary](#) page for additional restrictions.
- b. fomepizole (Antizol®) and digoxin immune fab (Digibind®): Restrictions changed to indications and criteria as stated in the BC Drug Information Centre (DPIC) Poison Management Manual (PMM).
Note: *These items no longer require approval from DPIC prior to appropriate treatment.*

New Formulary-Restricted Medications:

- a. sacubitril/valsartan (Entresto®): Restricted to indications outlined in BC Pharmacare criteria for the treatment of heart failure (HF) with reduced ejection fraction in patients with New York Heart Association (NYHA) class II or III HF if all of the following clinical criteria are met:
 - Reduced left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) (< 40%); **AND**
 - NYHA class II to III symptoms have persisted despite *at least four weeks* of treatment at optimum and stable doses of:
 - i. an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) *or* an angiotensin II receptor antagonist (ARB); **AND**
 - ii. a beta blocker; **AND**
 - iii. other recommended therapies, including an aldosterone antagonist (if tolerable).

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