



Provincial LMWH Change

Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH) Formulary Change:

- All BC Health Authorities are changing the restrictions on LMWHs.
- Enoxaparin is now the **unrestricted formulary** low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) for all clinically appropriate indications such as thromboprophylaxis, anticoagulation bridging, treatment of venous thromboembolism (VTE), and acute coronary syndromes (ACS).
- Dalteparin is now **formulary restricted** for use in clotting in hemodialysis/filtration or renal extracorporeal systems, in trauma, in acute spinal cord injury and for use in cancer patients.

Practice Implications:

Physicians, nurses and pharmacy staff need to be aware of the formulary change and ensure LMWHs are used as per the Provincial Pharmacy & Therapeutics formulary indications. **Northern Health will be implementing this change late April & May 2019.**

Clinical Order Sets are being updated to reflect this change by early May 2019, e.g. replacing dalteparin with enoxaparin where indicated. Please destroy old hardcopies of clinical order sets once the new clinical order sets are available.

The following information will be made available on-line during implementation. Visit OurNH/Clinical & Patient Care/Formulary Listing/Formulary Updates (see menu on right of screen).

- Enoxaparin Information Sheet
- Enoxaparin VTE Dosing Table
- Enoxaparin FAQ Sheet

Enoxaparin is available in the following prefilled syringe doses: 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 120 mg and 150 mg. Pharmacy will supply patient care areas with prefilled syringes where possible. In locations where use is low, and enoxaparin should be stocked, pharmacy will supply enoxaparin 100 mg/mL x 3 mL vials. Quantities of dalteparin will be reduced and the number of strengths carried will be limited to dalteparin 25,000 units/mL x 3.8 mL vials and 5,000 units prefilled syringes.

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