

Unlicensed Medicines

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Within specialist palliative care we sometimes use medication that is classed as 'unlicensed'. This may mean the medication is officially used for other conditions, but it has been specially prepared for you by a pharmacist or is being used in an unusual way, for example crushing a tablet to make it easier for you to swallow. You may be prescribed a medicine to treat a symptom for which the product is not licensed.

Medicines are marketed to treat specific conditions but often help to relieve other symptoms as well; for example, some medicines that are licensed to treat epilepsy also relieve nerve pain. Using certain drugs to treat complex symptoms is quite common in palliative care but can cause some confusion when patients or carers read information leaflets which refer only to the licensed conditions.

Sometimes when medications are no longer manufactured in the UK or there are problems with the supply chain within the UK, you may be given medication we have ordered from another country. These are of the usual high quality, having a license in that country, but are classified as 'unlicensed' as they would not hold a UK license for use.

You will only be prescribed a medicine outside its licensed conditions if the doctor considers it to be appropriate and necessary. If you have any concerns about this then a doctor, nurse or our pharmacist would be pleased to discuss this with you.

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In cases of comments or complaints, please contact:

Chief Executive, or Director of Patient Services and Clinical Quality, LOROS, Groby Road, Leicester LE3 9QE or, Care Quality Commission, East Midlands Office, Citygate, Gallowgate, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 4PA

Alternative languages:

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If you need this information in your own language, please contact the Patient Experience and Information Officer on 0116 231 8435.

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Jeśli potrzebuje Pan/ Pani, aby niniejsze informacje zostały udzielone w Pana/ Pani języku ojczystym, prosimy o kontakt z PA Kierownika ds. Pacjentów pod numerem 0116 231 8435.

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