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Dear Patient,

Cessation of prescribing: stoma deodorants




As you will be aware, it is becoming increasingly important that the NHS prescribes medicines and medical appliances as efficiently as possible without, of course, compromising the quality and safety of care we provide to patients.

The NHS Grampian Stoma Forum alongside Stoma Specialist Nurses and the NHS Grampian Primary Care Prescribing group have reviewed evidence relating to the prescribing of 'stoma deodorants' and have found no robust evidence for clinical need for the use of stoma deodorants.

What this means for you – no further requests for stoma deodorant will be processed by your GP practice. Ongoing, should you feel a deodorant is useful to you, you may wish to purchase this.

For patients who receive their prescriptions via a third party (i.e. not a community pharmacy), please note that while some companies may promote these products to you, they are not recommended for prescribing within NHS Grampian. Third party companies should not make requests for changes to prescribing on patients behalf and as such your GP practice will not action these requests.

Thank you for supporting NHS Grampian in making the best use of the limited public monies we receive to provide healthcare to you and your communities.

		
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