

**Gateway Ref No: 06910**

**To CCGs:**

The following notice should be distributed to all GP practices which are members of your CCG on or before 26 June 2017.

Primary Care Commissioning  
Medical Directorate  
NHS England  
Room 4W56 Quarry House  
Leeds  
LS2 7UE

**To NHS Business Services Authority:**

The following notice should be distributed to all community pharmacies on or before 26 June 2017.

21<sup>st</sup> June 2017

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN RELATION TO PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING PREGABALIN**

Dear Colleague

We issued guidance in relation to prescribing and dispensing pregabalin on 2 March 2015 pursuant to a patent dispute between Warner-Lambert Company LLC and a number of generic pharmaceutical suppliers. That guidance is now withdrawn and replaced with the following guidance which the Court has required NHS England to issue. **This replacement guidance comes into force on 17 July 2017:**

When prescribing pregabalin for the treatment of any condition, you should prescribe in accordance with your normal practice.

When dispensing pregabalin for the treatment of any condition, you should dispense in accordance with your normal practice.

In our guidance of 2 March 2015 we asked you to consider amending the operation of any electronic prescription system that is within your power or control to ensure that practitioners were readily able to follow that guidance. If you made such an amendment, we now ask you to reverse it to reflect the revised guidance above as from 17 July 2017.

If you have any questions in relation to the prescription or dispensing of pregabalin, please contact Dr David Geddes, Head of Primary Care Commissioning, NHS England, Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Geddes'.

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