East Kent Prescribing Group



Recommendations for the Use of Cerelle, Rigevidon, Gedarel, Millinette and TriRegol

Summary

Consilient produce a range of branded generic oral contraceptives. These are equivalent to the following products:

Cerazette, Microgynon 30/Ovranette, Marvelon, Mercilon, Femodene, Femodette

Bioequivalence to the market leaders has been demonstrated for all products

For a 90% switch from the brand leaders to the Consilient range savings of £240,000 per annum could be achieved in East Kent.

1) Background

Consilient health manufacture a range of oral contraceptives which have been shown to be bioequivalent to the market leaders. Use of these products in East Kent could deliver savings up to £240,000 per annum in East Kent.

The attached chart shows the range of products and the costs in comparison to market leaders.

2) Current guidance

There is no specific guidance relating to oral contraceptives that is relevant to the use of these brands.

3) Current evidence base

Bioequivalence to the market leaders has been established.

4) Local Health economy

KCHT use the consilient range of contraceptives.

5) Safety

The side effects, contraindications and precautions are the same as for other brands of each product.

6) Costs

The comparative costs are attached.

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7) Recommendations for use in East Kent

It is recommended that Cerelle, Rigevidon, Gederel 30/150, Gederel 20/150, Millinette 30/75, Millinette 20/75 and TriRegol should be added to Eclipse as the preferred products and that the following switches be added to Prescriber Plus:

Cerazette to Cerelle
Microgynon 30 to Rigevidon
Ovranette to Rigevidon
Marvelon to Gedarel 30/150
Mercilon to Gedarel 20/150
Femodene to Millinette 30/75
Femodette to Millinette 20/75
Logynon to TriRegol

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