

## Treatment Advice Letter

<b>Attach patient identification Sticker</b>
<b>Title:</b> _____
<b>First name:</b> _____
<b>Surname:</b> _____
<b>Patient's Address:</b> _____
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<b>D.o.b:</b> _____

**GP's Details:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Practice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Known Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Doctor,

Your patient has been diagnosed with Hepatitis C at the Infectious Diseases unit and has been prescribed boceprevir (Victrelis® 200mg capsules) 800mg three times daily. Boceprevir is taken for a period of either 24 weeks or 48 weeks, together with a 24 to 48 week course of pegylated interferon and ribavirin.

Boceprevir is a protease Inhibitor (PI) which works by inhibiting replication of the hepatitis C virus. Boceprevir is licensed to treat hepatitis C infection (genotype 1) and is endorsed by NICE (Technology Appraisal 253 April 2012).

The treatment has already been initiated. Written information on how to take the tablets has been provided and counselling given at the hospital. Please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for information on potential undesirable effects and drug interactions, before prescribing other medications to your patient. Specialist advice regarding drug interactions can be provided by the hepatitis specialist nurses, the communicable diseases pharmacist or our medicines information service. Contact details are shown at the bottom of this letter. Should you wish to check interactions yourself, you may find the following website helpful :<http://www.hep-druginteractions.org/>

GPs are encouraged to add this as a hospital issued drug in order to pick up potential interactions. There is a useful reminder on how to do this for GP practices [here](#):

Boceprevir is funded by the PCT/SCG and is prescribed by the Infectious Diseases Unit. Hence you will not be asked for prescriptions for this medication as the patient will be provided with all their medication from the hospital. Their usual repeat medicines should continue as usual. We will write to you again when treatment with boceprevir has stopped so that this can be removed from the patient's record and we will also inform you of any other medication changes by letter.

If you have any queries regarding this or any aspect of their treatment, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Dr Ben Stone (Consultant Physician in Infectious Diseases 0114 2711790)

Yours faithfully

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