

From: Oxfordshire PCT

To: Locum GPs

Prescribing of Methotrexate 10mg Tablets

Following the NPSA recommendations on the safer use of methotrexate, a decision was taken by Oxfordshire Area Prescribing Committee (APCO) that there should be **no prescribing of methotrexate 10mg tablets.**

This decision was taken to prevent:

- Errors in the supply of two different strengths of methotrexate tablets
- Compliance errors due to patient confusion or misunderstanding related to the two different strengths of methotrexate tablets

All patients requiring oral methotrexate should be prescribed their dose in 2.5mg tablets with clear instructions for use. Any patient who requires the 10mg tablets should have the supply made in secondary care.

Thank you for your support in this matter, if you have any queries regarding this issue please contact me on 01865 336867 or email louisa.templing@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk