NHS Pharmacy First Service General Practice Referral Guide



Conditions suitable for Pharmacy First minor illness referrals (this list is not exhaustive). Note, the service is only for patients aged over 1 year.

- · Acne, spots, and pimples
- · Allergic reaction
- · Ankle or foot pain or swelling
- Athlete's foot
- Bites or stings, insect, or spider
- Blisters
- Constipation
- Cough
- · Cold and 'flu
- Diarrhoea
- Ear discharge or ear wax
- Earache
- Eye, red or irritable
- Eye, sticky or watery
- Eyelid problems
- Hair loss
- Headache
- · Hearing problems or blocked ear
- · Hip, thigh, or buttock pain or swelling itch

Please note only patients

aged 2 years and over can

be treated for conjunctivitis.

- Knee or lower leg pain
- · Lower back pain
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- · Lower limb pain or swelling
- Mouth ulcers
- Nasal congestion
- Pain and/or frequency passing urine.
- · Rectal pain
- Scabies
- · Scratches and grazes
- Sinusitis
- Shoulder pain
- · Skin, blisters or rash
- Sleep difficulties
- Sore throat
- Teething
- Tiredness
- Toe pain or swelling
- Vaginal discharge
- · Vaginal itch or soreness
- Vomiting
- Wound problems management of dressings
- Wrist, hand, or finger pain or swelling

Conditions suitable for Pharmacy First that can be treated by PGD. Note, patients with these presentations but outside the age/sex restrictions can still be referred, but are at higher risk of referred back as they can only be managed by the pharmacy with over the counter treatments or advice.

- Acute otitis media (in ages 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (in ages 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (in ages 1 year and over)
- Shingles (in ages 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (in ages 12 years and over)
- Sore throat (in ages 5 years and over)
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (in women aged 16-64 years)