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# Medicines Management Matters

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## Focus on ScriptSwitch

ScriptSwitch is a prescribing decision support tool that is imbedded into SystmOne and managed by the Medicines Optimisation Team

### ScriptSwitch provides:

#### **Safe, evidence-based, quality prescribing**

ScriptSwitch enables medicines management teams to deliver the latest guidance aligned to local and national best evidence practice.

#### **Cost-effective prescription alternatives**

Quality, clinical and cost saving opportunities are displayed at the point of prescribing within the ScriptSwitch pop-up.

#### **Driving adherence to local formulary**

ScriptSwitch offers medicines management teams the opportunity and flexibility to author local content for adherence to local formulary, guidance and protocols.

#### **Effective interventions**

The information messages and switches displayed to prescribers are locally authored so they are appropriate to the local patient population. Teams can easily update the recommendation profile via a web-based tool and any updates are silently distributed to all member practices expeditiously

### How it works:

- Switches can be accepted with a single click, minimising workflow disruption via an intuitive interface.
- On accepting a recommendation, the clinical system is re-populated with the new prescription details but still requires a final review by the prescriber, maintaining clinical freedom at all times.
- Prescribers can provide direct feedback to profile authors on content, facilitating a multidisciplinary approach.

**Do you have ScriptSwitch enabled on your computer? If not either speak with your Practice Manager/IT lead or call the ScriptSwitch Helpdesk on 024 7621 4700.**

If you would like to give feedback regarding a ScriptSwitch message use the feedback button.

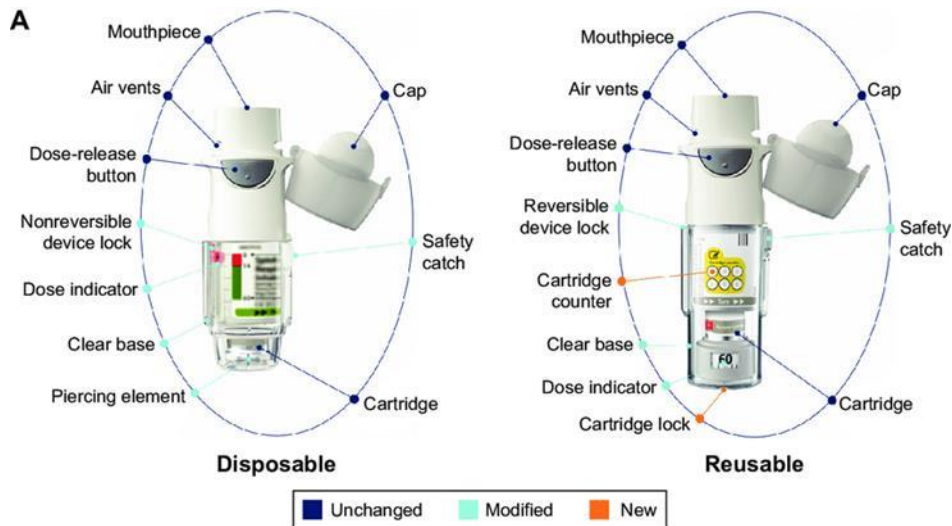
## The Respimat® reusable inhaler

You are now able to prescribe a Respimat® reusable inhaler.

In the first instance, prescribe a Respimat® reusable inhaler and one cartridge for existing and newly initiated patients. For months 2 – 6, the inhaler can be used with up to five additional refill cartridges. After the inhaler has been used with six cartridges, prescribe a new reusable inhaler and one cartridge.

There is now a larger dose indicator that clearly displays number of doses remaining and the clear base automatically detaches when cartridge is to be replaced. In addition, the inhaler label has check-boxes to track the number of cartridges used.

This inhaler is propellant-free and due to only needing two per year, reduces the plastic waste.



Search results for SPIRIVA

- Tiotropium bromide 2.5micrograms/dose solution for inhalation cartridge with device CFC free £23.00
- Tiotropium bromide 2.5micrograms/dose inhalation solution cartridge CFC free

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- Spiolto Respimat 2.5micrograms/dose / 2.5micrograms/dose inhalation solution cartridge with device (Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd) £32.50 \*
- Spiolto Respimat 2.5micrograms/dose / 2.5micrograms/dose inhalation solution refill cartridge (Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd) £32.50

### USEFUL LINKS

Bedfordshire and Luton Joint Formulary [HERE](#)

Care Home Medicines Management information can be found [HERE](#)

Latest Joint Prescribing Committee newsletter can be accessed [HERE](#)

Latest Care Home newsletter can be accessed [HERE](#)

Monthly prescribing practice reports are now available on GP Portal. Log in to see the most up to date data.

For further advice on any of the drugs/issues highlighted in this newsletter, please contact your Medicines Management Team: Tel 01525 624375. E-mail [BEDCCG.bedsmeds@nhs.net](mailto:BEDCCG.bedsmeds@nhs.net)