

# Legacy Health Formulary Changes

The Legacy Health Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee has approved several formulary changes. These formulary changes were vetted by physicians who commonly prescribe these medications at each site.

## **Rituximab biosimilar (Go live 4/13/2020)**

The Legacy P&T committee approved the addition of the biosimilar rituximab-pvvr (Ruxience®) as a substitute and preferred formulary agent for inpatient orders of rituximab. Outpatient choice of brand of rituximab will be dictated by the patient's insurance plan. Effective April 13, 2021, all rituximab orders for inpatients will be converted to the biosimilar and Beacon protocols and EPIC order sets will be changed to reflect this preferred formulary status.

## **Epoetin biosimilar (Go live 5/4/2021)**

The Legacy P&T committee approved the addition of the biosimilar epoetin alfa-epbx (Retacrit®) as a substitute and preferred formulary agent for inpatient orders of epoetin alfa. It is estimated that conversion to the biosimilar on the inpatient side. The formulary change has been vetted by major prescribers. Outpatient choice of brand of epoetin alfa will be dictated by the patient's insurance plan. Effective May 4, 2021, all epoetin orders for inpatients will be converted to the biosimilar.

## **Potassium oral product (Go live 5/4/2021)**

Legacy pharmacy will be converting our oral potassium product from a liquid UD cup to powder packets. The powder packets provide a reduction in cost as well being less messy and requiring less space for storage. Neonate/pediatric patients will continue to receive injectable potassium for oral doses < 20 mEq.

## **Other recent formulary decisions:**

- Allopurinol IV: Removal from formulary
- Brinzolamide/Brinonidine (Simbrinza): Added to formulary for ophthalmic cases
- Mifepristone (Mifeprex): expanded approval for use at additional OB/MFN clinics and for registered inpatient staff
- Patiromer: reviewed and not added to formulary
- Mitomycin (Mitosol Ophthalmic Kit): Added to formulary for ophthalmic cases