

Low Molecular Weight Heparin Prescribing Information

Drug	Tinzaparin or other Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH) as per current product availability.
Indication	Anticoagulation in patients at moderate to high risk of thromboembolism.
Pre-Operative Bridging	<p>This will be supplied by the hospital.</p> <p>However there may be exceptional circumstances where the GP will be requested to supply if a patient has attended for pre-assessment and then the operation is cancelled at short notice and the patient lives far from the trust .In this situation the pre –assessment clinic may review the patient over the phone and then contact the GP with clear guidance as to what should be prescribed .In this instance an individual letter and telephone call explaining the reasons for the request to the GP will be supplied .</p>
Post - Operative Bridging	<p>Discrete courses will be supplied in full by the hospital on discharge.</p> <p>Where a patient is to remain on LMWH longer term, post discharge then information will be explicitly included in the letter to the GP. This will contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication • Duration of treatment • Dose • Weight • If the patient is not self -administering what support has been put in place.
High Risk Pregnancies	LMWH will be provided by the midwife/Obstetric team.