

Drug monitoring during COVID - (last updated 14.04.2020)

In the current pandemic there are some challenges with ongoing drug monitoring for patients who are practicing social distancing (and particularly patients who are required to self-isolate/shield).

Guidance has been produced locally, regionally and nationally to help support primary care with decisions around what is essential and what may be possible to delay, while maintaining patient's safety. Please see some of this information below & more detailed local advice will follow shortly. Ultimately these are clinical decisions & guidance may help some clinical decision making but some patients may need to be reviewed on an individual basis where appropriate.

GMMM have produced the most comprehensive local document that brings together much of the local SPC information and national advice.

– [COVID-19 Extension of monitoring intervals for medicines in primary care](#)

Other information:

SPS/UKMi - [Guidance on the management of drugs requiring monitoring during COVID-19](#)

- [Azathioprine, leflunomide, mercaptopurine, and methotrexate](#)
- [Sulfasalazine](#)
- [Hydroxychloroquine](#)
- [Ciclosporin](#)
- [Penicillamine](#)
- [Warfarin](#)
- [Lithium](#)
- [Clozapine](#)

SPS/UKMi - [Drug monitoring: factors to consider during Covid-19](#)

Shared Care Medicines (Leeds CCG) - [Advice for practices on the prioritisation of Amber drug monitoring in ADULTS during Covid-19 pandemic](#)

[Stockport Foundation Trust - Blood monitoring for Rheumatological DMARDs during COVID-19](#)



(b) Blood monitoring
for Rheumatological

[Changes to Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug \(DMARD\) monitoring and prescribing in Rheumatology - Combined Heads of Service for Rheumatology Northern Region](#)



(a) DMARD
monitoring during CO



Medicine Specific Advice

Lithium

- SPS/UKMi guidance - [here](#)
- CMHP/RPS advice - [Monitoring Lithium during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- Leeds CCG - [Amber drug monitoring advice in COVID \(Adults\)](#)

Clozapine (RED drug - Hospital only in GM)

- SPS/UKMi guidance - [here](#)

CMHP/RPS advice - [Monitoring and Supply of Clozapine during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)



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