

15 Anaesthesia

General anaesthesia		Primary Care	Acute/ Specialist Services
Intravenous anaesthetics			
	Etomidate		✓
	Propofol		✓
Volatile liquid anaesthetics			
	Isoflurane		✓
	Methoxyflurane (Penthrox®)		✓
Comment: Methoxyflurane – only to be prescribed in the Emergency Department, FVRH or Stirling Minor Injuries Unit, for specific procedures as per local guideline.			
	Nitrous oxide		✓
	Sevoflurane		✓
Other			
	Entonox®/Equanox®		✓
	Thiopental sodium		✓
1. Anaesthesia adjuvants		Primary Care	Acute/ Specialist Services
Antimuscarinics			
	Atropine sulphate		✓
	Glycopyrronium bromide		✓
1.1 Neuromuscular blockade		Primary Care	Acute/ Specialist Services
Depolarising			
	Suxamethonium chloride		✓
Non-depolarising			
	Atracurium besilate		✓
	Cisatracurium		✓
	Mivacurium		✓
	Neostigmine metilsulfate		✓
	Rocuronium bromide		✓
	Vecuronium bromide		✓

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1.2 Neuromuscular blockade reversal		Primary Care	Acute/ Specialist Services
Anticholinesterases			
	Neostigmine with glycopyrronium bromide		✓
Antidotes and chelators			
	Sugammadex		✓
1.3 Peri-operative analgesia		Primary Care	Acute/ Specialist Services
Anaesthetics, local			
	Bupivacaine with fentanyl		✓
Opioids			
	Alfentanil		✓
	Fentanyl injection		✓
	Remifentanil		✓
Non-opioid analgesics			
	Diclofenac 75mg/3ml injection (post operative pain only)		✓
	Ibuprofen infusion		✓
1.4 Peri-operative sedation		Primary Care	Acute/ Specialist Services
NMDA receptor antagonists			
	Ketamine		✓
Non-benzodiazepine hypnotics and sedatives			
	Dexmedetomidine		✓
Anxiolytics and neuroleptics			
	Diazepam		✓
	Midazolam		✓
	Temazepam		✓

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2. Malignant hyperthermia		Primary Care	Acute/ Specialist Services
Muscle relaxants			
	Dantrolene sodium		✓
Local anaesthesia		Primary Care	Acute/ Specialist Services
Local anesthetics			
	Bupivacaine hydrochloride		✓
	Bupivacaine with adrenaline		✓
	Levobupivacaine		✓
	Lidocaine hydrochloride		✓
	Lidocaine 700mg plasters (Ralvo®)	⊕	✓
<p>Comment: The Scottish Government has categorised lidocaine plasters as an item of limited clinical effectiveness, where prescribing may be appropriate in some exceptional circumstances. In line with government advice, lidocaine plasters should only be prescribed in NHS Forth Valley under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To individuals who have been treated in line with SMC guidance and are still experiencing neuropathic pain associated with previous herpes zoster infection (post-herpetic neuralgia, PHN). • Where the decision to prescribe is in line with the Scottish Palliative Care guideline. <p>Use of lidocaine medicated plasters for any indication, other than those listed above, would be considered non-formulary. The prescribing of lidocaine plasters for any indication other than the symptomatic relief of neuropathic pain associated with previous herpes zoster infection in adults would be considered off-label.</p>			
	Lidocaine with adrenaline	✓	✓
	Lidocaine with prilocaine cream	✓	✓
	Prilocaine hydrochloride		✓
	Ropivacaine hydrochloride		✓
	Tetracaine gel (Ametop®)		✓

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