

Request to continue prescribing of Alliance Calcium Syrup in primary care

Information for the GP Practice

Date:.....

Dear GP,

Your patient has been discharged on **Alliance Calcium Syrup** for calcium deficiency.

Following the discontinuation of Calcium Sandoz, there are no licensed liquid formulations of calcium replacement therapy, and Alliance Calcium Syrup is supported by the Area Prescribing Committee as an appropriate alternative. Alliance Calcium Syrup is a food supplement designed for children and adults and each 5ml contains 2.5mmol of calcium.

The dose to be given will be documented on the patient's prescription/discharge letter.

Please note that this food supplement is not licensed as a medicine and therefore has not undergone the strict criteria laid down by the regulatory authorities to confirm safety, quality and efficacy. However, Calcium Alliance Syrup has been chosen as the most suitable product for this patient as there are no licensed calcium replacement liquids available. There are risks and practical issues associated with using licensed alternatives, such as effervescent and soluble calcium preparations, especially with regards to accurate administration of paediatric doses.

Recommended on-going monitoring by the practice

Monitoring of this treatment will be the responsibility of the specialist prescriber and any change to the dosing or monitoring will be communicated with you directly.

Alliance Calcium Syrup may not be readily available or kept in stock in the patient's local pharmacy, but they will be able to order it from their wholesalers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please ring us on the phone number below.

Yours sincerely

Pharmacy Department at Contact number.....