**High dose inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) GP clinical system searches descriptions**

**Aim of the audits:** To optimise the use of high dose inhaled corticosteroids for asthma in adults (age 12 and over) and children (aged up to 12) and ensure they are being prescribed safely and effectively and that the devices are being used correctly.

**Search 1: High dose ICS ≥12 years**

Search for all adults and children aged 12 years with asthma and over prescribed the following doses of inhaled corticosteroid: Beclometasone dipropionate or budesonide 800 micrograms to 2mg daily in divided doses, fluticasone propionate 400 micrograms to 1mg daily in divided doses (and fluticasone furorate 92-184 micrograms daily as a single dose), mometasone furoate (given through a dry powder inhaler) up to 800mcg daily in two divided doses. Please refer to attachment 10 high dose ICS excel spreadsheet which provides the number of inhalers issued (and number of puffs/day) per 30 days which classify as high dose ICS for each inhaler (column H and I).

Includes acute and repeat prescriptions for the last 6 months.

**File name:** “High dose ICS ≥12 years EMIS/S1 search”

**Search guide:** “High dose ICS ≥12 years EMIS/S1 search guide”

**Search 2: High dose ICS adult doses <12 years**

Search for all children aged under 12 years with asthma prescribed the doses of inhaled corticosteroid as in search 1- these are extremely high doses in children under 12 and should be reviewed and stopped.

Includes acute and repeat prescriptions for the last 6 months.

**File name:** “High dose ICS adult doses <12 years EMIS/S1 search”

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**Search 3: High dose ICS <12 years**

Search for all children aged under 12 years with asthma prescribed the following doses of inhaled corticosteroid: Beclometasone dipropionate or budesonide 400micrograms to 800 micrograms daily in divided doses, fluticasone propionate 200 micrograms to 400 micrograms daily in divided doses. Please refer to attachment 10 high dose ICS excel spreadsheet which provides the number of inhalers issued (and number of puffs/day) per 30 days which classify as high dose ICS for each inhaler (column J and K).

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**File name:** “High dose ICS <12 years EMIS/S1 search”

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