

➤ **Spironolactone oral suspension compatibility with feeding tubes.**

New licensed spironolactone oral suspensions are available ([Urospir from Rosemont Pharmaceuticals](#) and [Qaialdo from Nova Labs](#)). Previously only unlicensed specials were available.

There is a difference in the formulation of these licensed products. Urospir® brand is contraindicated for use with devices such as enteral tubes which contain polystyrene or PVC. Qaialdo® brand can be used with feeding tubes. Please check that prescriptions are for the appropriate product depending on whether the patient takes medication orally or via feeding tube. **We recommend prescribing as Qaialdo® brand for patients using a feeding tube to ensure an appropriate product is dispensed.**

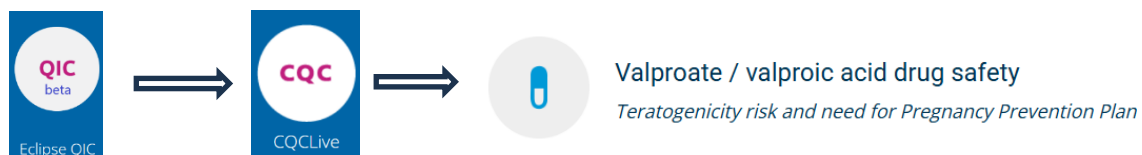
Qaialdo® is available as 10mg/ml oral suspension. This is the strength recommended for use in children following the [NPPG Position Statement: Using Standardised Concentrations of Liquid Medicines in Children](#)

➤ **Short-acting beta 2 agonists (SABA) (salbutamol and terbutaline): reminder of the risks from overuse in asthma and to be aware of changes in the SABA prescribing guidelines**

The MHRA has issued a Drug Safety Update reminding healthcare professionals and patients about the risk of severe asthma attacks and increased mortality associated with overuse of SABA inhalers with or without anti-inflammatory maintenance therapy in patients with asthma. The [BTS/NICE/SIGN](#) guidance now recommends that the majority of people with asthma should be controlled on either Anti-Inflammatory Reliever (AIR) or Maintenance And Reliever Therapy (MART) treatment without the need for SABA. [MHRA advice](#)

➤ **Eclipse – valproate / valproic acid search**

The Eclipse platform has a search that identifies females under 55yrs old currently prescribed valproate/valproic acid. This may help practices to identify patients for monitoring, review and ARAF (Annual Risk Acknowledgement Form) status. To access follow the steps below from the landing page:



➤ **Opioid Patient Information Leaflet**

A new Northamptonshire Opioid Patient Information Leaflet is available on the [Primary Care Portal](#). This is also available on the [GPA federation](#) website with a range of other resources and advice to support patients in managing and living well with pain.