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PATIENT GROUP DIRECTION (PGD)

Insertion of etonogestrel (e.g. Nexplanon®) 68mg subdermal implant for contraception in University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust Sexual Health & Contraception (SHAC) Service

Version Number 1.0

Change History	
Version and Date	Change details
Version 1 October 2020	New template

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PGD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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This PGD template has been peer reviewed by the Reproductive Health PGDs Short Life Working Group in accordance with their Terms of Reference. It has been approved by the Faculty for Sexual and Reproductive Health (FSRH) in September 2020.

This section MUST REMAIN when a PGD is adopted by an organisation.

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PGD approval - meets local need and guidelines

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Organisational authorisations

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust authorises this PGD for use by the services or providers listed below:
Sexual Health & Contraception (SHAC) Service.
Limitations to authorisation
Only Registered Nurses who work within the SHAC Service, hold a relevant contraception qualification, and are signed to the PGD.

Name	Signature & Name	Date
Chair of PGD Group	Joanne Pendlebury – email approval	April 2021
Chief Pharmacist	Mike Cross – email approval	April 2021
Medicines Governance Group chair	Mike Okorie – email approval	April 2021

Local enquiries regarding the use of this PGD may be directed to uhsussex.pgdgroup@nhs.net or PGD group chair.

Appendix 1 provides a practitioner authorisation sheet. Individual practitioners must be authorised by name to work to this PGD.

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1. Characteristics of staff

Characteristics of staff Qualifications and professional registration	<p>Current contract of employment within a Local Authority or NHS commissioned service or an NHS Trust/organisation.</p> <p>Registered healthcare professional listed in the legislation as able to practice under Patient Group Directions.</p>
Initial training	<p>The registered healthcare professional authorised to operate under this PGD must have undertaken appropriate education and training and successfully completed the competencies to undertake clinical assessment of patients ensuring safe provision of the medicines listed in accordance with local policy.</p> <p>Recommended requirement for training would be successful completion of a relevant general contraception module/course accredited or endorsed by the FSRH, CPPE or a university or as advised in the RCN training directory. In addition, completion of the FSRH Letter of competence (LOC) in Subdermal implants (LOC SDI/LOC SDI-IO) or locally agreed additional training and been assessed as competent at the insertion and removal of the subdermal implant.</p> <p>The healthcare professional must keep up to date with current FSRH guidance on the insertion site, including any relevant MHRA Drug Safety Updates.</p> <p>The healthcare professional has completed locally required training (including updates) in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults or level 2 safeguarding or the equivalent.</p> <p>The healthcare professional must ensure that they have an up to date certificate for Basic Life Support (BLS) and anaphylaxis as required by the employing Trust/organisation</p> <p>Register and complete PGD training module (certificate can be printed out as evidence) https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/ (3 yearly)</p> <p>Has undertaken training appropriate to recognise and manage allergic/anaphylactic reactions.</p> <p>Has undertaken appropriate Trust approved resuscitation training.</p>
Competency assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals operating under this PGD must be assessed as competent (see Appendix A) or complete a self-declaration of competence for contraception supply. • Staff operating under this PGD are encouraged to review their competency using the NICE Competency Framework for health professionals using patient group directions
Ongoing training and competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals operating under this PGD are personally responsible for ensuring they remain up to date with the use of all medicines and guidance included in the PGD - if

	<p>any training needs are identified these should be addressed and further training provided as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisational PGD and/or medication training as required by employing Trust/organisation, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ PGD e-learning 3 yearly➤ Up to date with mandatory training
<p>The decision to supply any medication rests with the individual registered health professional who must abide by the PGD and any associated organisational policies.</p>	

1. Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies

Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies	Long-acting reversible contraception (LARC)
Criteria for inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any individual from menarche to 55 years presenting for contraception and who has no contraindications Where appropriate individuals requiring insertion of this subdermal contraceptive implant should also meet the inclusion criteria of the lidocaine 1% PGD template (see PGD for lidocaine)
Criteria for exclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent not given. Individuals under 16 years of age and assessed as not competent using Fraser Guidelines. Individuals 16 years of age and over and assessed as lacking capacity to consent. Known hypersensitivity to the active ingredient or to any constituent of the product - see Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) Unexplained vaginal bleeding (suspicious of serious condition) before evaluation <p>Cardiovascular Disease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or past history of ischaemic heart disease, vascular disease, stroke or transient ischaemic first attack only if these events first occurred during use of the etonogestrel implant. <p>Cancers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or past history of breast cancer. <p>Gastro-intestinal conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe decompensated cirrhosis. Benign liver tumour (hepatocellular adenoma). Malignant liver tumour (hepatocellular carcinoma). <p>Interacting medicines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals using enzyme-inducing drugs/herbal products or within 28 days of stopping them. Interacting medicines other than enzyme inducers – see current British National Formulary (BNF) or individual product SPC
Cautions including any relevant action to be taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the individual is less than 16 years of age an assessment based on Fraser guidelines must be made and documented. If the individual is less than 13 years of age the healthcare professional should speak to local safeguarding lead and follow the local safeguarding policy. If the individual is taking any anticoagulant therapy, an experienced clinician should perform the procedure due to the risk of bleeding and a pressure bandage should be applied after insertion. See Management of women taking anticoagulants or antiplatelet medications who request intrauterine contraception or subdermal implants for

	<p>information about timing the insertion in relation to the anticoagulant dose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with appropriate medical/independent non-medical prescriber any medical condition or medication of which the healthcare professional is unsure or uncertain.
Action to be taken if the individual is excluded or declines treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the reasons for exclusion to the individual and document in the consultation record. • Record reason for decline in the consultation record. • Where required refer the individual to a suitable health service provider if appropriate and/or provide them with information about further options.

2. Description of treatment

Name, strength & formulation of drug	Etonogestrel 68 mg subdermal implant
Legal category	POM
Route of administration	<p>Superficial subdermal implant inserted, preferably into non-dominant arm, under aseptic conditions following administration of local anaesthetic (see PGD for lidocaine 1% injection).</p> <p>Manufacturer (SPC) and current MHRA guidance must be followed.</p>
Off label use	<p>Best practice advice is given by the FSRH and is used for guidance in this PGD and may vary from the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC).</p> <p>This PGD includes the following unlicensed use(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insertion in individuals over 40 years of age • Insertion in individuals under 18 years of age • Active venous thromboembolic disorder • The implant may be inserted or reinserted at any time as a quick start method if it is reasonably certain that the individual is not pregnant. Additional contraception is then required for 7 days after insertion. • The implant may be inserted immediately post-partum and after 2nd trimester abortion or miscarriage. • The implant may be inserted at any time after mifepristone administration at medical abortion or at any stage in a surgical abortion process. <p>Medicines should be stored according to the conditions detailed in the Storage section below. However, in the event of an inadvertent or unavoidable deviation of these conditions the local pharmacy or Medicines Management team must be consulted. Where medicines have been assessed by pharmacy/Medicines Management in accordance with national or specific product recommendations as appropriate for continued use this would constitute off-label administration under this PGD. The responsibility for the decision to release the affected medicines for use lies with pharmacy/Medicines Management.</p>

	Where a medicine is recommended off-label consider, as part of the consent process, informing the individual that the medicine is being offered in accordance with national guidance but that this is outside the product licence.
Dose and frequency of administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insert once every three years. • Insert between day 1-5 of the menstrual cycle with no need for additional precautions • The implant may be inserted or reinserted at any time as quick start if it is reasonably certain that the individual is not pregnant. Additional contraception is then required for 7 days after insertion • If the individual has an implant in situ which has been in place for over 3 but less than 4 years the implant can be removed and replaced. A pregnancy test should be performed and if negative replace the implant and advise additional contraception is then required for 7 days after insertion with a repeat pregnancy test after 3 weeks. • If inserting the implant after levonorgestrel emergency contraception, a barrier contraception is required for 7 days. • After the use of ulipristal acetate emergency contraception the implant should not be inserted for five days. A barrier contraceptive should then be used for a further 7 days. • A pregnancy test is advised three weeks after any oral emergency contraception - see FSRH guidance • For guidance on changing from one contraceptive method to another, and when to start after an abortion, miscarriage and post-partum refer to FSRH guidelines.
Duration of treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each implant is effective for three years. • Repeat implants can be inserted for as long as the individual requires the implant and has no contraindications to its use. • Note: In exceptional circumstances such as during the Covid-19 pandemic when there may be significant health risk associated with implant removal/replacement procedures, extended use of an etonogestrel implant may be considered. See FSRH guidance
Special considerations	<p>There have been rare reports of local and distant migration of Nexplanon® implants. An implant that cannot be palpated at its insertion site should be located and removed as soon as possible; if unable to locate implant within the arm, the MHRA recommends using chest imaging. Refer individual with suspected migration as required.</p> <p>Correct subdermal insertion reduces the risk of these events.</p>
Storage	Medicines must be stored securely according to national guidelines.
Drug interactions	A detailed list of drug interactions is available in the individual product SPC, which is available from the electronic Medicines Compendium , the BNF and FSRH CEU Guidance: Drug Interactions with Hormonal Contraception
Identification & management of adverse reactions	A detailed list of adverse reactions is available in the SPC, which is available from the electronic Medicines Compendium and BNF

	<p>The implant is generally well tolerated. The main reported side effects include:</p> <p>Common</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular, unpredictable bleeding which includes: amenorrhoea, frequent or prolonged bleeding • Headache • Acne • Breast tenderness and pain <p>Less common</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mood changes • Reduced libido • Nausea • Fluid retention • Some local scarring
Additional facilities and supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to working telephone • Suitable waste disposal facilities • Immediate access to in-date anaphylaxis kit (IM adrenaline 1:1000)
Management of and reporting procedure for adverse reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare professionals and individuals are encouraged to report suspected adverse reactions to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) using the Yellow Card reporting scheme • Record all adverse drug reactions (ADRs) in the individual's medical record. • Report via organisation incident policy.
Written information and further advice to be given to individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure access to product information prior to insertion or supply of the medicine and especially discuss the side effects and how to report. • Provide Manufacturer's Patient Information Leaflet (PIL). • Explain mode of action, side effects, and benefits of the medicine. • Advise that limited evidence suggests no increased risk of venous or arterial thromboembolic events associated with use of the implant. • Advise on need for additional barrier method and pregnancy test as appropriate. • How to care for the insertion site and advise to return (or where to seek advice) if concerns about insertion site • Advise that a change in bleeding pattern is likely and provide clear, accessible information about possible bleeding patterns and advise how to access support for management of problematic bleeding and advise to return (or where to seek advice) if they are concerned or if irregular bleeding persists. • Individuals should be advised that intravascular insertion and distant migration are rare complications of the implant insertion procedure. Advise individual to return (or where to seek advice) if unable to palpate implant, it changes shape or individual develops pain around the site. • Give information on who to contact in the event of an adverse reaction or concerns. • Provide verbal and written information on the implant.

Advice/follow up treatment	<p>Advise individual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long the implant lasts for – when they need to arrange for removal and replacement. • To return to clinic (or where to seek advice) if they have any concerns.
Records	<p>Record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consent of the individual and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If individual is under 13 years of age record action taken ○ If individual is under 16 years of age document capacity using Fraser guidelines. If not competent record action taken. ○ If individual over 16 years of age and not competent, record action taken • GP contact details where appropriate • Attendance date • Reason for attendance • Relevant past and present medical and family history, including drug history • Any known allergy • Relevant examination findings • Inclusion or exclusion from PGD • Advice given about the implant including side effects, benefits, and when and what to do if any concerns • Details of any adverse drug reactions and what action taken • Any administration outside the marketing authorisation • Record the name/brand, dose of the medication, site of insertion (including which arm and exact location), and palpation of implant following procedure by both the nurse and the individual • Record batch number and expiry date according to local policy or national guidelines • Record any referral, follow up and/or signposting arrangements • Any other relevant information that was provided to the individual • A statement that supply and insertion is by using a PGD • Name and signature (which may be an electronic signature) of the nurse supplying and administering the medicine <p>Records should be signed and dated (or a password-controlled e-records) and securely kept for a defined period in line with local policy.</p> <p>All records should be clear, legible and contemporaneous.</p> <p>A record of all individuals receiving treatment under this PGD should also be kept for audit purposes in accordance with local policy.</p>

Audit

Plan for audit , It is essential for PGD renewal that audits have occurred.	Service audit to be completed using the recommended UHSussex PGD audit template. N. B. Individual PGD users should keep records to audit their own use of PGDs / procedures.
Frequency	Minimum of once in lifetime of PGD 2 years after start date of PGD to inform PGD review.
Nominated lead to manage audit	Advanced Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist, SHAC Service will manage Service PGD audit process and support / guide those completing the audit. SHAC Nurse(s) who use the PGD will complete the service audit.

3. Key references

Key references (accessed March 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Medicines Compendium http://www.medicines.org.uk/ • Electronic BNF https://bnf.nice.org.uk/ • NICE Medicines practice guideline “Patient Group Directions” https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/mpg2 • National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence; Long Acting Reversible Contraception CG30 (2005) Last updated September 2014 https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg30 • FSRH Clinical Guideline: Progestogen-only Implant (February 2014) https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/cec-ceu-guidance-implants-feb-2014/ • Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (2016) UK Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/ukmec-2016/ • CEU Clinical Guidance: Drug Interactions with Hormonal Contraception - November 2017 https://www.fsrh.org/documents/ceu-clinical-guidance-drug-interactions-with-hormonal/ • FSRH Clinical Guidance: Quick Starting Contraception - April 2017 https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/current-clinical-guidance/quick-starting-contraception/ • Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (2015) Problematic bleeding with hormonal contraception https://www.fsrh.org/documents/ceuguidanceproblematicbleedinghormonalcontraception/ • Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (2014) Contraceptive choices for women with cardiac disease https://www.fsrh.org/documents/ceu-guidance-contraceptive-choices-for-women-with-cardiac/ • Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (2017) Contraception After Pregnancy
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<https://www.fsrh.org/news/new-fsrh-guideline--contraception-after-pregnancy/>

- Learning for Health <https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/>
- UHSussex policies and procedures:
 - C085 – Policy for Patient Group Directions: accessed on UH Sussex intranet <https://nww.bsuh.nhs.uk/search/?q=c085+policy+for+patient+group+directions>
 - SHAC Service Standard Operating Procedure for supply of medicines following telephone / video consultations.

Appendix A - Registered health professional authorisation sheet

PGD Name/Version: Insertion of etonogestrel (e.g. Nexplanon®) 68mg subdermal implant for contraception (Version 1.0)

Before signing this PGD, check that the document has had the necessary authorisations. Without these, this PGD is not lawfully valid.

Registered health professional

By signing this patient group direction you are indicating that you agree to its contents and that you will work within it.

Patient group directions do not remove inherent professional obligations or accountability.

It is the responsibility of each professional to practise only within the bounds of their own competence and professional code of conduct.

I confirm that I have read and understood the content of this Patient Group Direction and that I am willing and competent to work to it within my professional code of conduct.			
Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Authorising manager

I confirm that the registered health professionals named above have declared themselves suitably trained and competent to work under this PGD. I give authorisation on behalf of <u>University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust</u> for the above named health care professionals who have signed the PGD to work under it.			
Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Note to authorising manager

Score through unused rows in the list of registered health professionals to prevent additions post managerial authorisation.

This authorisation sheet should be retained to serve as a record of those registered health professionals authorised to work under this PGD.

SHAC SERVICE RETENTION OF PGD AUTHORISATION RECORDS

Records of the authorisation of nurses for the use of this PGD are stored as follows:

- **HARD COPY:** A paper copy of the signature sheet will be kept with the PGD in the PGD Master Copy File in the SHAC Nurse Management Office (if hard copy retained).

- **ELECTRONIC RECORD:**
 - A scanned copy of each authorisation sheet is saved on to the service specific file.

 - An electronic record of SHAC Nurse authorisation for this PGD is recorded on the SHAC Service PGD Assessment Record database which is stored on to the service specific file.

- **INDIVIDUALS:**
 - Individual nurses are provided with the PGD assessment sheet which details the assessment process for PGD approval for their own records.

 - A copy of this document is stored in the individual nurses' Personal File.