



**Consultation MLX 346 Proposals to amend the range of medicines that can be sold / supplied / administered by registered midwives.
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Response from the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland.

The list of medicines available to midwives has not been amended for some years. The consultation document takes the opportunity to review the list of medicines in relation to current clinical practice.

Proposals:

1. (a) Deletion of a number of POM medicines from the current list as they are not currently used in midwifery practice:

Chloral Hydrate
Pentazocine Hydrochloride
Triclofos Sodium
Promazine Hydrochloride

2. (b) Addition to the current list of the following POM medicines that can be sold or supplied by midwives:

Miconazole
Nystatin for the treatment of neonatal oral thrush

3. (c) Addition to the list of POM medicines for parental administration by midwives:
Anti-D immunoglobulin in relation to pregnant women whose blood type is rhesus negative

Adrenaline to be used in conjunction with the above in case of anaphylaxis

4. **Prochlorperazine** for use as an anti-emetic

5. **Diclofenac** for moderate to severe pain

6. (d) **Medicines for Adult and Neonatal Resuscitation .**

The proposed list was reconsidered and it was agreed that the medicines on the list were appropriate to ensure the safety of women experiencing post partum haemorrhage

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland support the recommendations in (a), (b) and (c) with respect to the changes proposed. In the case of (d) it was considered that additional training and governance arrangements should be in place with regard to the use of the medicines listed.

