

PROTOCOL

Administration of ACETIC ACID 5% By Clinical Nurse Specialist in Colposcopy Clinic at Royal Derby Hospital

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V1	New template	23/3/22

Glossary

Abbreviation	Definition

1. Protocol template development (Protocol Working Group)

Protocol Working Group Membership (minimum requirement of consultant, pharmacist and a registered professional who will work under a Protocol (or manages the staff who do). If this is a review of existing Protocol, replace previous names with the individuals involved for this version

Name	Designation
Mr O Tamizian	Lead Colposcopist
Mrs G Lowe	Lead Nurse Colposcopist
S Dumbleton	Women and Children's Lead Pharmacist

Where an antimicrobial is included, confirm the name, designation and date of the antimicrobial pharmacist who has reviewed this version

Name of antimicrobial pharmacist	Designation	Date Reviewed
N/A		

2. Organisational authorisations

The Protocol is not valid until it has had the relevant organisational authorisation.

University Hospitals of Derby & Burton NHS Foundation Trust authorises this Protocol for use by the services or providers listed below:

Authorised for use by the following organisation and/or services
Colposcopy Department within Gynaecology Outpatients department at Royal Derby Hospital
Limitations to authorisation
The professionals to whom this protocol applies are the clinical nurse specialist(s) in colposcopy.
Agreed rationale for protocol use in place of a PGD (Patient Group Direction)
To define a framework for staff to administer unlicensed medication after a patient specific direction (from a prescriber) has been received to authorise use of the unlicensed medicine. Patients are referred to the colposcopy clinic by registered medical professionals with the expectation and understanding unlicensed agents will be used and that they are authorising this use. As a Patient Group Direction cannot cover the administration of Acetic Acid 5% (unlicensed product), this protocol has been drawn up locally by doctors, pharmacists and other appropriate professionals.

Organisational Authorisation			
Role	Name	Sign	Date
James Hooley <i>Pharmacist: Medicines Safety Officer, Chief Pharmacist or assigned deputies)</i>	Medicines Safety Officer	Signed copy held by Pharmacy	31/03/2022

Additional signatories			
Role	Name	Sign	Date
Divisional Lead Pharmacist, Women's & Children's	Susi Dumbleton	Signed copy held by Pharmacy	29/03/2022
Lead Colposcopist	Onnig Tamizian	Signed copy held by Pharmacy	24/03/2022
Clinical nurse Specialist in colposcopy	Gaynor Lowe	Signed copy held by Pharmacy	25/03/2022

Local enquiries regarding the use of this PROTOCOL may be directed to
UHDB.PGDgovernance@nhs.net

Section 7 provides a healthcare worker authorisation sheet. Individual healthcare workers must be authorised by name to work to this PROTOCOL.

3. Characteristics of staff

Qualifications and professional registration	Registered nurse with a current NMC registration
Initial training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion of Medicines Management Drug Assessment - Individual has read and understood full content of this Protocol and signed authorisation (section 7) - Trained according to the British Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology guidelines. - Has undertaken appropriate training to carry out clinical assessment of patient leading to diagnosis that requires treatment according to the indications listed in the protocol. -
Competency assessment	<p>Approved drug assessment</p> <p>Individuals operating under this Protocol are personally responsible for ensuring they remain up to date with the use of all medicines included in the Protocol - if any training needs are identified these should be discussed with the either authorising manager (section 7) or the manager within the Protocol working group (section 1) so that further training can be provided as required.</p>
Ongoing training and competency	<p>Annual Medicines Safety Training (essential to role)</p> <p>Review/repeat initial training above when this protocol is revised</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the individual registered nurse to remain updated, with evidence of continued professional development in relation to colposcopy services including annual mandatory training in CPR/life support/anaphylaxis competences, with evidence of updates as required.</p>
<p><i>The decision to administer or supply any medication rests with the individual healthcare worker operating under this protocol who must abide by the protocol and any associated organisation policies.</i></p>	

4. Clinical condition or situation to which this Protocol applies

Clinical condition or situation to which this Protocol applies	Used during a colposcopy. It is applied to the cervix using cotton wool to identify areas of abnormal cells.
Criteria for inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous sensitivity or intolerance to acetic acid solution • Patients 16 years or over requiring colposcopy
Criteria for exclusion	Previous sensitivity or intolerance to acetic acid; patients under 16 years
Cautions including any relevant action to be taken	None applicable
Action to be taken if the patient is excluded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to medical staff for review and prescribing of alternative agent if appropriate. • Record reasons for exclusion in patient notes
Action to be taken if the patient or carer declines treatment	Document refusal, action taken and advice given in nursing documentation and refer to medical staff if appropriate.
Arrangements for referral for medical advice	Colposcopy clinics are undertaken under consultant lead and the nurse specialist may contact them directly for support.

5. Description of treatment

Name, strength & formulation of drug	Acetic Acid 5% Solution
Legal category	Unlicensed Product
Route / method of administration	Topical
Indicate any unlicensed or off-label use (if relevant)	<p>Best practice advice given by BSCCP is used for this protocol and may vary from the manufacturer's summary of product characteristics.</p> <p>See UHDB TRUST POLICY FOR THE USE OF UNLICENSED MEDICINES</p>
Dose and frequency of	As required, applied using cotton wool

administration	
Duration of treatment	Throughout duration of procedure.
Quantity to be supplied (leave blank if protocol is administration ONLY)	Not applicable
Storage	Stock must be securely stored according to UHDB medicines policy and in conditions in line with SPC as detailed below: Store in a locked medicines cupboard.
Drug interactions	There are no known drug interactions for acetic acid 5% solution.
Identification & management of adverse reactions	Local or topical application of acetic acid preparations may produce stinging or burning.
Management of and reporting procedure for adverse reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult medical advice if an adverse event occurs • Healthcare workers and patients/carers are encouraged to report suspected adverse reactions to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) using the Yellow Card reporting scheme on: https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk • Record all adverse drug reactions (ADRs) in the patient's medical record. • Serious adverse reactions (moderate harm or above as per NRLS definition) should be reported via trust incident management system (e.g. Datix) to ensure duty of candour and learning from harm during clinical use.
Written information to be given to patient or carer	Not applicable
Patient advice / follow up treatment	Monitor for sensitivity reactions; Verbal advice on why drug administered, action of the drug and subsequent management of condition The individual/carer should be advised to seek medical advice in the event of an adverse reaction.
Records	<p>The authorised healthcare practitioner must sign (print) in the appropriate records. State 'administered under a protocol' with name and signature of authorised practitioner. For EPMA: Document the utilisation of the medicine under Protocol by ordering the appropriate drug order item against the correct patient record in EPMA.</p> <p>Either the system holding the record, or the healthcare practitioner working under the Protocol, must capture/document all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name of individual, address, date of birth and GP with whom the individual is registered (if relevant) • name of registered health professional • name of medication supplied/administered • date of supply/administration • dose, form and route of supply/administration

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quantity supplied/administered • batch number and expiry date (if applicable e.g. injections and implants) • advice given, including advice given if excluded or declines treatment • details of any adverse drug reactions and actions taken • Confirm whether <u>supplied and/or administered</u> via Protocol Records should be signed and dated (or a password controlled e-records). <p>All records should be clear, legible and contemporaneous.</p>
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6. Key references

Key references	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NICE Medicines practice guideline “Patient Group Directions”</i> https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/mpg2 • <i>Colposcopy – a Practical Guide: M Shaffi & S Nazeer, 2006.</i> • <i>British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology; Colposcopy Statement, 2017,</i> https://www.bsccp.org.uk/assets/file/uploads/resources/BSC_CP_Local_Anaesthetic_Statement_09.05.17.pdf, accessed 25/01/22
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7. Registered health professional authorisation sheet

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Before signing, check that the document you have read is published on Koha or is an in-date hard-copy with all necessary authorisations signed in section 2. The Name/Version/Ref of the document you have read **MUST** match this authorisation form.

Registered health professional

By signing this patient group direction you are indicating that

- a) You agree to and understand all content and commit to only work within this framework.
- b) You have completed any core e-Learning or training records on My Learning Passport or within your department.
- c) You meet the staff characteristics and have completed any additional learning/competency outlined in Section 3 of this protocol.

The decision to administer or supply any medication rests with the individual healthcare worker operating under this protocol who must abide by the protocol and any associated organisation policies.

I confirm that I have read and understood the content of this Protocol and that I am willing and competent to work to it.

Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Authorising manager / Assessor

I confirm that those named above have declared themselves suitably trained and competent to work under this Protocol. I give authorisation on behalf of University Hospitals of Derby & Burton NHS Foundation Trust for the above named healthcare workers who have signed the Protocol to work under it.

Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Note to authorising manager

Score through unused rows in the list of healthcare workers to prevent additions post managerial authorisation.

This authorisation sheet must be retained by a manager in the clinical department where the Protocol is in-use to serve as a record of those authorised to work under this Protocol.