

Primary Care Prescribing Summary - 1st and 2nd line choices

BNF chapter/section	Drug Group	1 st line choices	2 nd line choices
Chapter 3 Respiratory System			
3.1.1.1	Selective beta ₂ agonists	Short acting-salbutamol. Longer acting-formoterol.	Short acting-terbutaline. Longer acting-salmeterol.
3.1.2	Antimuscarinic bronchodilators	Ipratropium Bromide	Tiotropium-prescribe as Spiriva HandiHaler [®] . Tiotropium Spiriva Respimat [®] is not recommended due to safety concerns-see MHRA guidance
3.1.3	Theophylline	Theophylline and aminophylline MR. Bioequivalence of different brands of oral theophylline/aminophylline cannot be guaranteed-prescribe by brand name	
3.2	Corticosteroids	Beclometasone, Clenil Modulite [®] , Qvar [®] (twice as potent as Clenil Modulite [®])-prescribe by brand name. Fostair [®] MDI (beclometasone/formoterol).	Budesonide. Symbicort Turbohaler [®] (DPI) (budesonide/formoterol). Fluticasone. Seretide Evohaler [®] and Accuhaler [®] (fluticasone/salmeterol)-COPD.
3.3.2	Leukotriene receptor antagonists	Montelukast (generic)	
3.4.1	Antihistamines	Chlorphenamine. Loratadine. Cetirizine.	Hydroxyzine. Fexofenadine.
3.7	Mucolytics	Carbocisteine	