Berkshire West Prescribing Oversight Committee Policy Statement

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<td>Molludab is not recommended for routine use for the treatment of molluscum contagiosum (MC)</td>
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Key Points considered:
- Molluscum contagiosum (MC) is a self-limiting condition that will normally resolve within 18 months. Parents should be reassured about this.
- Genital molluscum may require treatment for some adult patients.
- Current evidence for potassium hydroxide is limited.
- MolluDab® can be purchased without a prescription from independent pharmacies and some national pharmacy chains throughout the UK in store or online.
- This policy has been produced as a guide for GPs. Evidence and information was carefully considered and consulted upon by clinicians who concluded that this treatment is not a cost effective use of scarce NHS resources. There are situations where this policy may not apply to an individual patient due to their clinical exceptionality. This policy statement does not overrule an individual GPs clinical decision making and therefore each GP would be need to make the final decision on whether treatment is a cost-effective use of their CCG budget.

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