SYMPTOM	Exceptions - patient needs to add a triage with GP first thing Monday to Friday.	Examples of <u>products available</u> under Minor Ailments Scheme at your local Pharmacy free of charge.		
	Use patient facing services to add your triage information for a telephone call back.			
Acne	<ul> <li>Pregnancy</li> <li>Breastfeeding</li> <li>Patients with severe acne, e.g. with significant inflammation or extensive pustules (pus-filled spots) or scarring.</li> <li>Patient has taken oral medicine for acne previously</li> <li>Acne is causing distress and not controlled by over the counter (OTC) treatment / There has been no improvement with topical treatment after 12 weeks of use</li> </ul>	Benzoyl peroxide 5% gel (Acnecide®) > 12 years  Benzoyl peroxide 5% wash (Acnecide®) > 12 years  50g  70g 70g 70g 70g 70g 70g 70g 70g 70g		
Athlete's Foot	<ul> <li>Pregnancy</li> <li>Breastfeeding</li> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>Immunocompromised</li> <li>&lt;6 years</li> <li>Symptoms lasting longer than 4 weeks</li> <li>Symptoms spreading to other parts of the body including toenails</li> <li>Treatment with over the counter (OTC) product and no improvement for more than 2 weeks</li> <li>Recurrent symptoms</li> </ul>	Clotrimazole 1% cream > 6 years 20g  Miconazole 2% cream (Daktarin®) > 6 years 15g  Terbinafine 1% gel (Lamasil AT®) > 16 years 15g		
Diarrhoea (Acute)	<ul> <li>Pregnancy</li> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>Babies &lt; 3 months</li> <li>Renal impairment,</li> <li>IBD/ Crohns</li> <li>Rheumatoid arthritis</li> <li>Immunocompromised</li> <li>If already taken treatment and diarrhoea still lasting longer; <ul> <li>than 1 day in children under 1,</li> <li>than 2 days in children under 3 and the elderly (&gt;75years),</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Loperamide 2mg capsules > 12 years 6, 12 Oral rehydration sachets (Dioralyte®) > 3 months 6, 20  Oral rehydration sachets (Dioralyte Relief®) > 3 6 months 20		

	<ul> <li>than 3 days in older children/ adults</li> <li>Presence of blood or mucous in stools</li> <li>Severe abdominal pain</li> <li>Repeated attacks</li> <li>Bouts of diarrhoea alternating with constipation</li> <li>Following recent travel</li> </ul>		
Ear Wax	<ul> <li>Perforated ear drum</li> <li>Past history of ear surgery</li> <li>Presence of foreign body in ear canal</li> <li>Discharge due to infection</li> <li>No improvement following use of OTC ear drops for one week</li> </ul>	Olive Oil Ear Drops (DT) > 12 years  Sodium Bicarbonate 5% Ear Drops (DT) > 12 years	10ml 10ml
Groin Area Infection/ Jock Itch/Dhobie Itch	<ul> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>Pregnancy</li> <li>Breastfeeding</li> <li>Immunocompromised</li> <li>Lasting longer than 4 weeks</li> <li>Suspected secondary bacterial infection</li> <li>If penis or scrotum is involved in the rash</li> <li>OTC treatment failure after 2 weeks of use.</li> </ul>	Clotrimazole 1% cream > 16 years  Miconazole 2% cream (Daktarin®) > 16 years  Miconazole 2%, HC 1% cream (Daktacort HC®) > 16 years  Terbinafine 1% gel (Lamisil AT®) > 16 years	20g 15g 15g 15g
Haemorrhoids	<ul> <li>Children and young adults &lt; 16 years</li> <li>Pregnancy</li> <li>Breast feeding</li> <li>On the first presentation of symptoms provide treatments and refer patient to GP – no subsequent treatments should be provided without a GP diagnosis</li> </ul>	Anusol® cream (GSL) > 16 years  Anusol® ointment (GSL) > 16 years  Anusol® suppositories	23g 25g 12

	<ul> <li>A change in bowel habit</li> <li>abdominal pain</li> <li>rectal mucus</li> <li>night-time diarrhoea for several nights</li> <li>unexplained weight loss</li> <li>rectal bleeding</li> <li>diagnostic uncertainty (Must have been diagnosed with Haemorrhoids before)</li> </ul>	(GSL) > 16 years  Anusol® Plus HC® 15g ointment (P) > 18 years  Anusol Plus HC® 12 suppositories (P) > 18 years	
Headlice	<ul> <li>Children under 6 months</li> <li>Pubic lice</li> <li>Treatment failure (live lice after the completion of two full courses of treatment).</li> </ul>	Bug Busting Kit (may be used for more than one family member to detect and treat head lice)  Dimeticone 4% lotion 50ml, 150ml (Hedrin®) > 6 months  Malathion 0.5% aqueous liquid (Derbac M®) > 6 months 50ml, 200ml	
Mouth Ulcers	<ul> <li>Mouth ulcer lasting more than 3 weeks</li> <li>Pregnancy</li> <li>First occurance in patients over 30</li> <li>Heavy smoker, drinker, over 45 and male</li> <li>Red &amp; or white patches, painful, swollen and bleeding.</li> </ul>	Hydrocortisone 2.5mg muco- adhesive buccal tablets sugar free (DT) > 12 years	
Scabies	<ul> <li>Children &lt; 2 years require treatment under medical supervision</li> <li>Immunocompromised</li> <li>Elderly patients &gt; 65 years</li> <li>If crusted scabies is suspected</li> <li>Severe rash or secondary infection</li> </ul>	Permethrin 5% cream 30g (Lyclear®) > 2 years  Malathion aqueous 200ml 0.5% (Derbac M®)	

	<ul> <li>Patient is systemically unwell</li> <li>Persistent nodular scabies</li> <li>True treatment failure (after 2 different treatments) may be identified by the appearance of new burrows at any point after treatment, or very persistent symptoms (over six weeks) that are not due to other causes.</li> </ul>	liquid > 2 years
Threadworm	<ul> <li>Below 2 years of age</li> <li>epilepsy &amp;/or kidney disease</li> <li>Pregnancy</li> <li>Breastfeeding</li> <li>suspected sec. bacterial infection</li> <li>perianal eczema</li> <li>recent travel abroad</li> <li>Severe abdominal pain</li> <li>repeated attacks</li> <li>bouts of diarrhoea</li> <li>suspected food poisoning</li> <li>persisting after one full dose of treatment.</li> </ul>	Mebendazole 100mg 1 chewable tablets(Ovex®) > 2 years  Mebendazole oral 30ml suspension 100mg/5ml (Ovex®) > 2 years
Oral Thrush	<ul> <li>Below 4 months of age</li> <li>symptoms lasting longer than 3 weeks</li> <li>unexplained weight loss</li> <li>difficulty or pain on swallowing</li> <li>no improvement following OTC treatment for one week</li> <li>immunocompromised.</li> </ul>	Miconazole 20mg/g 15g Oromucosal gel sugar free (Daktarin®) > 4 months or > 5-6 months in preterm babies

Vaginal	**Under 16 & over 60 years of age	Clotrimazole 2% cream	
Thrush	<ul> <li>**pregnancy or breastfeeding</li> <li>**diabetes</li> </ul>	(Canesten Thrush Cream) 16- 60years	20g
	<ul> <li>Immunocompromised</li> <li>suspicion of an STD/ smelling discharge</li> </ul>	Clotrimazole 500mg pessary (Canesten®) 16 – 60 years	1
	<ul> <li>abdominal pain/ blood in discharge</li> <li>ulcers or blisters on vagina</li> <li>**2 or more episodes in the previous 6 months</li> <li>treatment failure (7-14 days following treatment).</li> </ul>	Clotrimazole 10% vaginal cream (Canesten internal cream®) 16 – 60 years	5g
		Clotrimazole <b>Combi</b> (Canesten Combi®) 16 – 60 years (contains Clotrimazole 500mg internal vaginal pessary & Clotrimazole 2% external cream)	1
		Clotrimazole Cream Combi (Canesten cream Combi®) 16 - 60 years (contains Clotrimazole 10% internal vaginal cream & Clotrimazole 2% external cream)	1
		Fluconazole 150mg oral capsule 16 - 60 years	1
Verruca	<ul> <li>Children &lt; 2 years</li> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>Immunocompromised</li> </ul>	Salicylic acid 12% / lactic acid 4% (Salatac® gel) > 2 years	8g
	<ul> <li>Patients with impaired peripheral blood circulation</li> <li>Diagnosis uncertain</li> <li>Multiple persistent verrucae</li> <li>Extensive affected areas eg: mosaic</li> <li>Persistent and unresponsive to salicylic acid after 12 weeks treatment</li> </ul>	Salicylic acid 16.7% / lactic acid 16.7% (Salactol® collodion paint) > 2 years	10ml
		Salicylic acid 26% (Occlusal® cutaneous solution) > 2 years	10ml