GP Quick Prescribing Reference Guide – Specialist Infant Milks





Emphasize the need to strictly follow manufacturer's instructions when making up formula milk

Condition	Formulary Status	Formula	Age range*	Key Points *Age range refers to ICB policy. Individual products may have a broader licence. See Quantities to Prescribe.	
Cow's Milk Protein Allergy (CMPA) Extensively Hydrolysed Formula (EHF)	Green First Line	Althera® (Kosher & Halal)	0-12 months	Take an allergy focused clinical history EHF: Indicated if Mild to moderate non-IgE mediated CMPA Mild to moderate IgE mediated CMPA	
		Aptamil Pepti 1®	0-6 months		
		Aptamil Pepti 2®	6-12 months	 DELAYED Non-IgE mediated symptoms Confirm diagnosis with home milk challenge, 4 weeks after starting feed Maintain CMPA elimination diet until 9-12 months old, or for 6 months after diagnosis 	
	Green	Alimentum® currently unavailable due to precautionary recall	0-12 months		
	Green Second Line	Nutramigen 1 with LGG®	0-6 months	 Refer to paediatric dietitian for additional suppor if required 	
		Nutramigen 2 with LGG®	6-12 months	ACUTE/Immediate IgE-mediated symptoms Refer to secondary care	
CMPA: Amino Acid Formula (AAF)	Green First Line	SMA® Alfamino Nutramigen Puramino® Neocate LCP®	0-12 months	 Take an allergy focused clinical history AAF: Indicated if anaphylactic reaction/ severe IgE of severe non-IgE mediated CMPA reactions Refer to secondary care If IgE mediated reaction or moderate-severe 	
	Amber	Neocate Syneo®		eczema refer to paediatrician/allergy clinic for review & advice on reintroduction	
CMPA: Plant based options	отс	SMA® Wysoy®	6-12 months	 If aged over 6 months and refuses EHF and has no allergy to soya 	
	отс	*Alpro Growing Up Soya Drink®	12+ months	If aged 1+ and tolerates soya. Use in food from age 6 months but not as main drink until 1year old	
	ОТС	*Alpro Oat Growing Up Drink® / *Oatly Oat Drink Whole® or *Barista Edition®	12+ months	 If aged 1+ and does not tolerate soya. Use in food from age 6 months but not as main drink until 1year old. *Other dairy milk alternatives not appropriate as main milk drink until 2 years 	
Faltering growth Energy dense ready-to- use formula	Green First Line	SMA® High Energy	0-18 months or 8kg	 Ensure regular weight/length monitoring Encourage Food First & food fortification if weane and over 6 months (diet sheet available) 	
	Green Green	Infatrini® Nutriprem 2 Powder®	0-6	Follow hospital discharge instruction	
Pre-term or IUGR Post discharge from hospital	First Line Green	SMA® Gold Prem 2	months corrected	 Use Prem feed Powder not ready-to-drink formula Ensure review at 6 months corrected age 	
Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux (GOR)	OTC: Thickening formulae	SMA® Anti-reflux	age 0- 12	 Try non-medical intervention first, check for overfeeding Follow feed preparation instructions carefully Do not use in conjunction with separate thickeners, or medication such as Infant Gaviscon, antacids or PPI 	
	OTC: Pre- thickened formula	Aptamil Antireflux® Cow & Gate® Anti reflux HiPP® Anti-reflux	months		
	OTC: Thickener powder	Instant Carobel®	From birth	Use if anti-reflux formula not practical/possible (e.g. using pre-term or specialised formula)	
Casandamilists	OTC: Lactose free formula	Aptamil LF® SMA LF®	0-12 months	 Use up to 8 weeks at a time If aged 1+ use supermarket lactose free milk e.g.	
Secondary lactose intolerance	OTC: soya formula	SMA® Wysoy®	6+ months	Alpro Soya Growing Up Drink, Arla Lactofree Whole Wysoy only if over 6 months old and no allergy to soya	

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Guidance on feed volumes to prescribe for infants

Always be guided by the baby's appetite and feed responsively

Age Category	Feeding guidance per day		Suggested volume per day	Equivalent in Tins per 28 days
Up to 2 weeks	7-8 feeds 60-70mls/feed	150ml/kg	420 -560mls	5 -6 x 400g
2 weeks - 2 months	6-7 feeds 75-105mls/feed	150ml/kg	450 -735mls	5 -8 x 400g
2-3 months	5-6 feeds 105-180mls/feed	150ml/kg	525 -1080mls	6 -12 x 400g
3-5 months	5 feeds 180-210mls/feed	150ml/kg	900 -1050mls	10 -12 x 400g
About 6 months	4 feeds 210-240mls/feed	120ml/kg	840 -960mls	9 -11 x 400g

General guidance on feeding after 6 months, for average weight, well children

If a child is under the paediatric dietitian, they will advise on an appropriate monthly prescription

7-9 months	4 feeds 150mls/feed	About 600mls	7 x 400g
10-12 months	3 feeds e.g. 2 x 100ml + 1 x 200ml feed	About 400mls	5 x 400g
1-2 years	3 feeds e.g. 2 x 100ml + 1 x 200ml feed	About 350-400mls of whole cow's milk or other suitable milk drink	5 x 400g

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Notes:

- Specialist infant formulae are for age 0-12 months unless advised to continue by a paediatrician or paediatric Dietitian.
- Advise parents to follow the manufacturer's advice on safe preparation and storage once mixed or tin is opened.
 - *Note:* Instructions for making up Nutramigen LGG and Neocate Syneo are different to standard formula, advise to carefully follow instructions on the tin.
- Only <u>prescribe 2 tins initially</u> until compliance/tolerance is established.