

# Letterkenny University Hospital - LUH Antimicrobial Prescribing Policy/Guidelines: Appendix 6 : High Tech Antimicrobials

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The following antimicrobials are classified by the HSE as high tech medicines:

- Fidaxomicin (oral)
- Linezolid (oral)
- Voriconazole (oral)
- Tobramycin (nebules)

The High Tech drugs scheme is administered by the HSE through the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS).

If a patient is being discharged on a high tech drug, the team are responsible for ensuring that the patient and the prescription have been registered with the PCRS via the high tech hub **before** the patient is discharged. The team are also responsible for ensuring that the appropriate section of the high tech prescription is sent to the nominated community pharmacy. This should be done **at least 24hrs** prior to the patient being discharged (Monday –Friday) or 48hrs at weekends. This is necessary to avoid unnecessary delays in patients accessing high tech medicines and the associated potential for treatment interruptions.

For further information please contact the ward Pharmacist or LUH dispensary on ext 8961 or 3551.