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Subject: Use of mouthwash with your patients

## REQUEST

In line with Data Protection Act 2000 please provide the following information regarding the use of mouthwash with your patients at your hospital.

1. Please advise the estimated number of beds at your hospital(s)
2. Please advise the estimated number of patients treated annually at your hospital(s)
3. Please advise the estimated number of patients receiving chemotherapy at your hospital(s) each year
4. What is the preferred mouthwash product prescribed to patients for oral mucositis treatment or prevention?
5. What is the estimated annual spend on mouthwash?
6. What is the estimated annual number units of mouthwash prescribed?

## RESPONSE

- 1.Total Bed Stock (less SCBU) = 863 beds
- 2.Based on previous 5 years approximately 100319 inpatients treated.

### 3. 203 patients

This figure is based on Haematology cases only. The cancer information team are only responsible for recording Chemotherapy activity for Haematological Cancers.

Chemotherapy activity for solid tumours (Breast, Colorectal etc...) is reported by Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

4. For prevention of oral mucositis, we recommend Corsodyl mouthwash. We do prescribe this for patients although as it is cheaper to purchase OTC rather than on prescription charge, many patients choose to purchase from chemist rather than have a prescription. We do not keep records of patients who buy the mouthwash independently and therefore our response re: number prescribed may not be reflective of how many patients will use the mouthwash.

For patients with oral problems we would prescribe Difflam or Gelclair.

5. As individual prices are commercially confidential (and the question asked is the total spend not on individual items) the projected annual expenditure is £17687

6. Corsodyl = 650 x 300ml bottles  
Difflam = 705 x 300ml bottles  
Gelclair = 316 x 21 sachet packs