

## Deoxycholic acid injection (Belkyra® ▼) for submental fat

**The Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee does not currently recommend the prescribing of DEOXYCHOLIC ACID injection (Belkyra® ▼) for submental (under chin) fat.**

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Deoxycholic acid (Belkyra®) is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe convexity or fullness associated with submental fat in adults when the presence of submental fat has an important psychological impact for the patient.<sup>1</sup>

Belkyra should only be administered by physicians with appropriate qualifications, expertise in the treatment and knowledge of the submental anatomy.<sup>1</sup>

This recommendation will be reviewed if it is identified as a local NHS commissioning priority and a formal application for use is received and prioritised for in-year review.

**Belkyra® is only available via private cosmetic surgery clinics, funding for NHS treatment is not available locally.**

### References

1. Allergan Pharmaceuticals International Limited. Summary of Product Characteristics – Belkyra 10mg/ml solution for injection; 17 May 2018. Accessed 05 February 2019 at:  
<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/groups/spcpil/documents/spcpil/con1527827344629.pdf>

**Note:** Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this statement may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy. In this situation, follow locally defined processes.