

'NHS Improvement will be supporting hospitals to save £250 million from medicines spend in 2017/18 by publishing and tracking the uptake of a list of the top ten medicines savings opportunities. As savings are realised the top ten will be refreshed with further products or switches that deliver best value.'

NHS England 2017

# NHS medicines and pharma purchasing – winners & losers

In 2017 the NHS announced its 10-point plan as part of its 'Five Year Forward' view. Points 3 and 4 of the plan; '3. Use the NHS' procurement clout' and '4. Get the best value out of medicines and pharmacy' will have a direct impact on the pharma industry in the UK. Medicine cost savings is also a high-profile area of the plan which is likely to see it in the political spotlight.

The Medicines Value Programme focuses on 4 main cost areas:

#### 1. Commercial arrangements:

The commercial arrangements that influence price, including the work of NHS England's Commercial Medicines Unit, and Commercial Team

#### 2. Medicines Optimisation:

Ensuring prescribers and patients are using medicines in way that creates the best possible outcomes

#### 3. Policy framework

About the access to and pricing of medicines within the NHS. Involves working with the DH and NICE

#### 4. Infrastructure:

The programme covers the entire NHS system of secondary and primary care and involves a wide range of organisations including NHS Improvement and Health Education England

So, what will it mean for Pharma companies, their current portfolio of drugs? The NHS will clearly be looking to be seen to be delivering major savings on their medicines and pharma bill through exercising their considerable buying clout. In reality, that is likely to create winners and losers as larger volumes of some drugs are purchased but potentially from a much smaller range of options.

Who will the winners and losers be? No doubt the NHS will be reviewing large volumes of data to deliver the insight into what drugs are prescribed where and to treat what, in their efforts to deliver their buying efficiencies. The pharma sector will need to follow the same process if they are to build up a really detailed picture of their sales at every level of NHS operations, if they are to emerge as 'winners' at the end of the process.

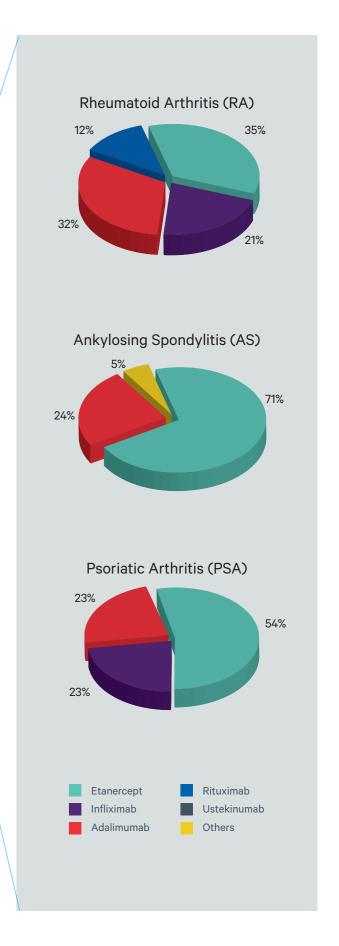


Deliver detailed insight – a hypothetical example for Rheumatology



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Specialist Share Data allows you to focus right down to an individual institution level, by disease and by indication. You can also understand number of treated patients by drug type and market share by indication. SSD is the only data tool that delivers the information and insight you need at individual institution level.

### **INSTITUTION LEVEL INSIGHT**

SSD delivers pin-point data at an individual institution level by disease area giving you real insight into:

- Share of number of patients by drug
- Rank & index of patients by drug and indication type
- Number of patients in banded number per drug

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- Tailor by institution

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