Risk minimisation measures required for Valproate prescribing

The patient is 55 years old or over

Valproate can be prescribed in accordance with standard clinical practice by a single prescriber

Male

Valproate may potentially cause male infertility in patients and neurodevelopmental disorders in children born to men treated with valproate in the 3 months before conception

Patients should be informed about the reproductive risks

As a precaution men, and their female partners, should be advised to use effective contraception during valproate treatment as needed

No additional action required to minimise this risk

Female

No additional action required to minimise this risk

Key: Decision point · Advice · Risk minimisation activity