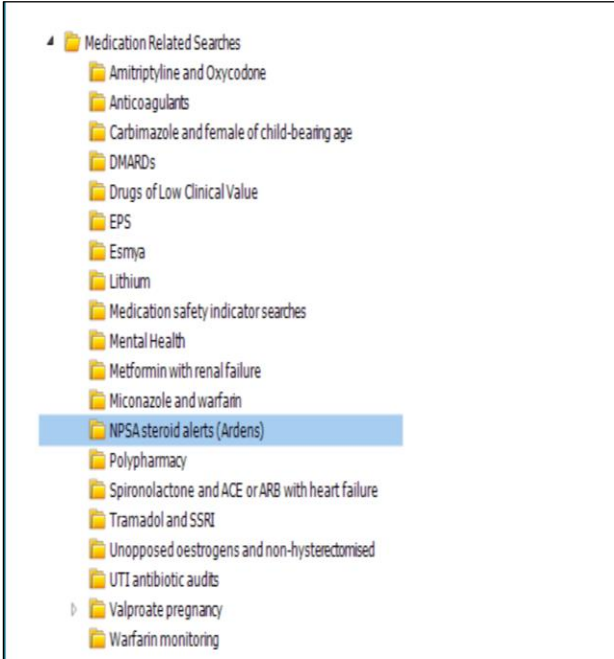


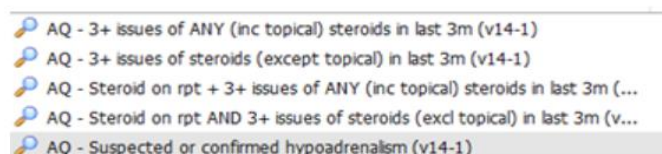
Ardens Searches: Identifying patients on EMISweb

The Ardens NPSA steroid alert searches have been designed to help practices identify patients who have recently had multiple issues of steroid medications or a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of hypoadrenalism.

To access the searches, navigate to the **Population Reporting** module > **Ardens Searches** > **1.4 Ardens Clinical Safety Searches** > **Medication Related Searches** > **NPSA steroid alerts** folder:

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Medication Related Searches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amiripryline and Oxycodone Anticoagulants Carbimazole and female of child-bearing age DMARDs Drugs of Low Clinical Value EPS Esmya Lithium Medication safety indicator searches Mental Health Metformin with renal failure Miconazole and warfarin NPSA steroid alerts (Ardens) Polypharmacy Spirolactone and ACE or ARB with heart failure Tramadol and SSRI Unopposed oestrogens and non-hysterectomised UTI antibiotic audits Valproate pregnancy Warfarin monitoring 	<p>This folder contains a suite of searches displaying patients who have been issued more than 3 steroid prescriptions within the last 3 months.</p> <p>They are broken down by any steroid medication, or non-topical steroid medication, as well as separating those patients where these medications are on repeat.</p> <p>Whilst the NPSA alert did not specifically exclude topical steroids, Ardens' clinical team felt that to include them would lead to excessive 'false positives' as most patients on topical steroids are unlikely to be having doses sufficient to cause adrenal suppression.</p>
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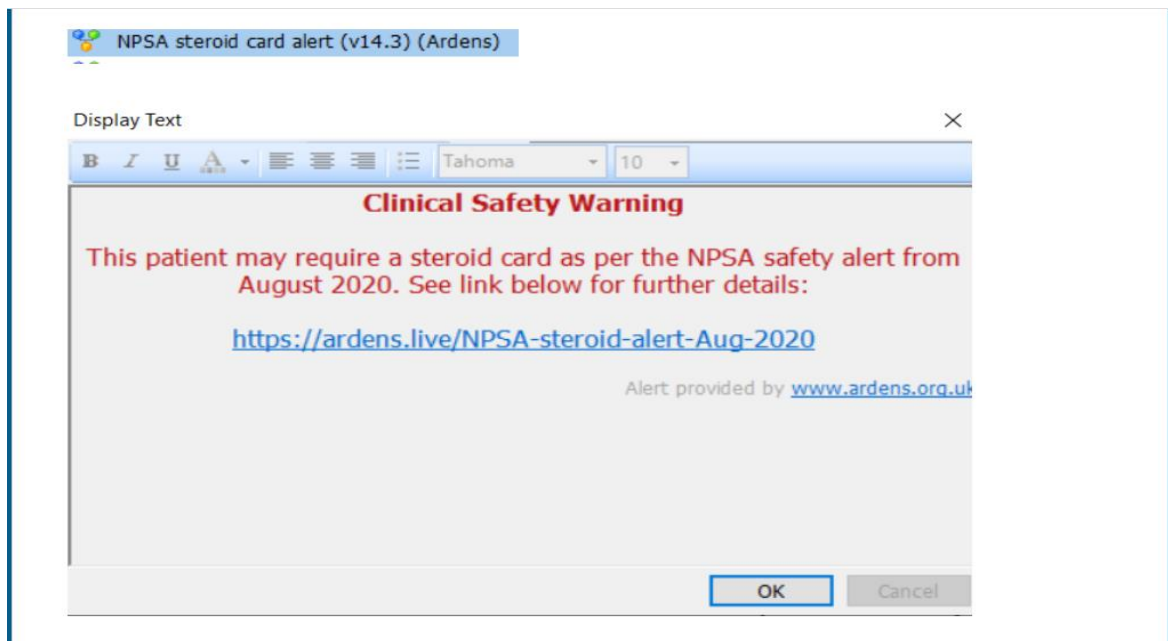
There is an additional search in this folder identifying patients who have a confirmed or suspected code for hypoadrenalism on their records:



You may wish to review these patients' medication and check that they have had a steroid card issued recently. If they have not, a printable steroid card is available in the Ardens document templates folder and is called: "Corticosteroid monitoring (v14.2)(Ardens)".

When issuing an NHS Steroid Emergency Card enter the read code "Steroid treatment card issued" (Concept ID 71112100000102)

Ardens also have an NPSA steroid card pop up alert to notify you if an at-risk patient has not had a card issued within the last 3 years and enables you to issue the card. This is triggered when issuing steroid medication (oral, rectal, inhaled but NOT topical).



Patients who use smartphones may download a pdf copy of the card to use as the lock screen of their phone. The link is available from the British Society of Endocrinology [link](#)

Alternatively NHS Steroid Emergency Cards can be obtained from:

- NHS Forms at NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA)
<http://www.nhsforms.co.uk/>
- Primary Care Support England PCSE online
<https://secure.pcse.england.nhs.uk/forms/pcsssignin.aspx>

During the consultations, Clinicians need to discuss with the patient how patient would like to receive their steroid emergency card, some options include:

- Electronic version which can be printed and posted to the patient using the Ardens template
- Hard copy given to patients if face-to-face consultation
- Hard copy posted to patient if virtual consultation
- Text message sent from practice with British Society of Endocrinology [link](#) on -only patients with smart phones have this option