

**flecainide acetate capsules 200mg (Tambocor XL<sup>®</sup>)**  
**(No: 521/08)**

**Meda Pharmaceuticals Ltd**

**Product Update**

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The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) has completed its assessment of the above product and advises NHS Boards and Area Drug and Therapeutic Committees (ADTCs) on its use in NHS Scotland. The advice is summarised as follows:

**ADVICE:** following an abbreviated submission

**flecainide capsules (Tambocor XL<sup>®</sup>)** are accepted for use in NHS Scotland for: the treatment of AV nodal reciprocating tachycardia, arrhythmias associated with Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome and similar conditions with accessory pathways; paroxysmal atrial fibrillation in patients with disabling symptoms when treatment need has been established and in the absence of left ventricular dysfunction. Arrhythmias of recent onset will respond more readily. The capsules can be used for the maintenance of normal rhythm following conversion by other means.

Patients for whom the use of flecainide is appropriate and who are controlled on 200mg daily using the immediate release formulation may be transferred to one 200mg XL capsule with the benefit of once-daily rather than twice-daily dosing at reduced cost.

**Advice context:**

*No part of this advice may be used without the whole of the advice being quoted in full.*

*This advice represents the view of the Scottish Medicines Consortium and was arrived at after evaluation of the evidence submitted by the company. It is provided to inform the considerations of Area Drug & Therapeutics Committees and NHS Boards in Scotland in determining medicines for local use or local formulary inclusion. This advice does not override the individual responsibility of health professionals to make decisions in the exercise of their clinical judgement in the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.*

*This assessment is based on data submitted by the applicant company up to and including 17 September 2008.*

**Chairman, Scottish Medicines Consortium**