

perindopril arginine 2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg tablets (Coversyl Arginine®)
(No: 473/08)

Servier Laboratories 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

perindopril arginine (Coversyl Arginine) 2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg tablets are accepted for use in NHS Scotland for the treatment of essential hypertension. The 2.5mg and 5mg tablets are also accepted for treatment of symptomatic heart failure. This advice relates to patients for whom perindopril is an appropriate choice of therapy.

These preparations are also licensed for the reduction of risk of cardiac events in patients with a history of myocardial infarction and/or revascularisation, however this indication has not been reviewed by SMC.

The arginine salt replaces a tert-butylamine salt previously available and the 2.5mg, 5mg and 10mg arginine tablets are equivalent to the 2mg, 4mg and 8mg tert-butylamine tablets in terms of the content of perindopril base. Caution is therefore required when prescribing perindopril as the two salts are not dose equivalent. Generic preparations of the tert-butylamine salt are available at a lower cost than the proprietary preparations of perindopril.

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 11 March 2008.

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