

90% omega-3-acid ethyl esters (Omacor[®])
(No. 16/02)

Solvay Healthcare Ltd
Summary of Recommendation

Indication: Treatment of hypertriglyceridaemia

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

ADVICE

Not recommended for use within the NHS in Scotland.

RECOMMENDATION

This is based on the lack of long-term data to indicate that reductions in triglyceride levels provide real benefit in terms of reducing cardiovascular events, on a lack of evidence of increased patient acceptability of the product, and lack of a pharmacoeconomic case for the drug.

Professor David H Lawson
Chairman