

Valganciclovir (Valcyte[®])

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Roche

Summary of Recommendation

6 December 2002

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

Recommended for restricted use within NHS Scotland.

RECOMMENDATION

Valganciclovir offers a convenient oral alternative to ganciclovir. It is currently only licensed for the management of CMV retinitis in AIDS patients. Its use should be under the overall supervision of an expert ophthalmologist and a physician experienced in the management of HIV / AIDS patients.

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