

Product Update:

icatibant acetate, 30mg, solution for injection in pre-filled syringe (Firazyr®)
SMC No 1332/18

Shire Human Genetic Therapies

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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

icatibant acetate (Firazyr®) is accepted for use within NHS Scotland.

Indication under review: symptomatic treatment of acute attacks of hereditary angioedema (HAE) in adolescents and children aged 2 years and older, with C1-esterase-inhibitor deficiency.

SMC has previously accepted icatibant acetate for use in adults.

This SMC advice takes account of the benefits of a Patient Access Scheme (PAS) that improves the cost-effectiveness of icatibant. This SMC advice is contingent upon the continuing availability of the Patient Access Scheme in NHS Scotland.

Patient access schemes: A patient access scheme is a scheme proposed by a pharmaceutical company in order to improve the cost-effectiveness of a drug and enable patients to receive access to cost-effective innovative medicines. A Patient Access Scheme Assessment Group (PASAG, established under the auspices of NHS National Services Scotland reviews and advises NHS Scotland on the feasibility of proposed schemes for implementation. The PASAG operates separately from SMC in order to maintain the integrity and independence of the assessment process of the SMC. When SMC accepts a medicine for use in NHS Scotland on the basis of a patient access scheme that has been considered feasible by PASAG, a set of guidance notes on the operation of the scheme will be circulated to Area Drug and Therapeutics Committees and NHS Boards prior to publication of SMC advice.

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 02 February 2018.

Chairman, Scottish Medicines Consortium

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