

testosterone 50mg/5g gel (Testim®)

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Ipsen 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

Testosterone gel (Testim®) is accepted for restricted use within NHS Scotland as replacement therapy for adult male hypogonadism when testosterone deficiency has been confirmed by clinical features and biochemical tests.

It is an alternative to another formulation of testosterone gel, of the same strength and cost, and is restricted to use as an alternative to testosterone gel patches for those patients requiring a transdermal delivery system. Testosterone is at least as effective as testosterone patches and costs less.

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 12 April 2006.

**Chairman,
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