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# zanamivir 10mg/mL solution for infusion (Dectova®)

GlaxoSmithKline

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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 NHSScotland. The advice is summarised as follows:

**ADVICE:** following an abbreviated submission

zanamivir (Dectova®) is accepted for use within NHSScotland.

**Indication under review:** Treatment of complicated and potentially life-threatening influenza A or B virus infection in adult and paediatric patients (aged  $\geq 6$  months) when:

- the patient's influenza virus is known or suspected to be resistant to anti-influenza medicinal products other than zanamivir, and/or
- other anti-viral medicinal products for treatment of influenza, including inhaled zanamivir, are not suitable for the individual patient.

Zanamivir should be used in accordance with official guidance.

Unlicensed intravenous zanamivir was previously available in a compassionate use programme. A licensed medicine is now available.

**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 July 2019.*

**Chairman  
Scottish Medicines Consortium**