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Medicine	Indication	Local recommendation category	Comments and useful links
Ambrisentan tablets (Volibris®)	Treatment of patients with class II and III pulmonary arterial hypertension to improve exercise capacity	Restricted for use within national treatment centre	SMC advice SPC link
Anidulafungin powder and solvent (Ecalta®) - <i>Resubmission</i>	Treatment of invasive candidiasis in adult non-neutropenic patients	Pending AMG decision	SMC advice SPC link
Bosentan film-coated tablets (Tracleer®) - <i>Non submission</i>	Class II pulmonary arterial hypertension	Not recommended	SMC advice Bosentan was previously accepted in 2003 for restricted use in grade III pulmonary arterial hypertension
Icatibant solution for subcutaneous injection (Firazyr®)	Symptomatic treatment of acute attacks of hereditary angioedema in adults	Not recommended	SMC advice
Insulin glulisine solution for subcutaneous injection (Apidra®) - <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	Treatment of adolescents and children, 6 years or older with diabetes mellitus where a short acting insulin analogue is appropriate	Non-formulary	SMC advice SPC link Diabetes Handbook
Insulin lispro solution for injection (Humalog® KwikPen) - <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	Adults and children with diabetes mellitus	Non-formulary	SMC advice SPC link Diabetes Handbook
Insulin lispro (Humalog® Mix25 KwikPen) and insulin lispro (Humalog® Mix50 KwikPen) – <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	Patients with diabetes mellitus, for whom treatment with this biphasic insulin analogue is appropriate.	Non-formulary	SMC advice SPC link Diabetes Handbook
Quetiapine prolonged-release tablet (Seroquel XL®) - <i>Abbreviated submission</i>	Treatment of schizophrenia and manic episodes associated with bipolar disorder	Formulary (Schizophrenia) under the direction of a specialist	SMC advice SPC link
Rufinamide tablets (Inovelon®) – <i>Resubmission</i>	Adjunctive therapy in the treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome in patients four years and older	HOSPITAL ONLY Paediatric neurology department	SMC advice SPC link To be monitored in epilepsy clinic

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TAPG Update

	TAPG section	Drug(s)/topic	Changes
4	Central Nervous System	Quetiapine prolonged-release tablets*	Added for treatment of schizophrenia under the direction of a psychiatrist to section 4.2.
		Antimuscarinic drugs	Prescribing information for procyclidine and orphenadrine now listed in section 4.9. Previously in section 4.2.

* SMC accepted medicine

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