



**Strategy and Sustainability Division
Ministry for Health, the Elderly and Community Care**

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Attention all Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Trabectedin 0.25mg and 1 mg Vials

Trabectedin vial, has been recommended by the Government Formulary List Advisory Committee and approved by the Superintendent of Public Health for introduction onto the Government Formulary List.

Trabectedin is for hospital use only and the protocol number is 284. Consultant Oncologists can prescribe Trabectedin 0.25mg and 1mg vials for patients with advanced tissue sarcoma, who:

- have failed treatment with anthracycline and ifosfamide
- are intolerant of or have contraindications for treatment with anthracycline and ifosfamide.

Biannual reports regarding Trabectedin use are to be sent to the Directorate for Pharmaceutical Policy and Monitoring for monitoring purposes.

Trabectedin 0.25mg and 1mg Vials have been procured through GHPS and are now available for use as per protocol.

Thank you

For your attention, please

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Director General

Trabectedin 0.25mg and 1mg Vials

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Oncologist

In-patient use:

1. Malignant Diseases

Patients with advanced soft tissue sarcoma:

- who have failed treatment with anthracycline and ifosfamide, or
- who are intolerant of or have contraindications for treatment with anthracycline and ifosfamide.