



Strategy and Sustainability Division
MINISTRY FOR HEALTH, THE ELDERLY AND COMMUNITY CARE

DH CIRCULAR No.41/2011

DH 711/2011

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Attention all Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Lanthanum carbonate, 750mg chewable tablets

Lanthanum carbonate 750mg chewable tablets have been recommended by the Government Formulary List Advisory Committee and approved by the Superintendent of Public Health for introduction into the Government Formulary List.

Consultant Nephrologists can prescribe Lanthanum carbonate, 750mg chewable tablets for Chronic Renal Failure patients on Haemodialysis (HD) or Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD). Lanthanum carbonate, is protocol-regulated and the protocol number is 273 (attached).

Lanthanum carbonate 750mg chewable tablets have been procured and are now available for use as per protocol.

Thank you

For your attention please

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Director General

Lanthanum carbonate chewable tablets

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Nephrologist

Outpatient and In-patient Use:
Chronic Renal Failure

To be used in patients on Haemodialysis (HD) or Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) with hyperphosphataemia:

- which is refractory to calcium-containing phosphate binders
- OR
- who become hypercalcaemic with calcium containing-phosphate binders.

Duration of approval:
1 year