



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: Rasburicase 1.5mg and 7.5mg Injections

Rasburicase Injection, has been recommended by the Government Formulary List Advisory Committee and approved by the Superintendent of Public Health for introduction into the Government Formulary List.

Rasburicase injection, is protocol-regulated and the protocol number is 278. Consultant Haematologists, Oncologists, and Paediatric Oncologists can prescribe Rasburicase 1.5mg and 7.5mg injections, for the prophylaxis and treatment of acute hyperuricaemia in order to prevent acute renal failure in patients with haematological malignancy as per attached protocol.

Rasburicase 1.5mg and 7.5mg injections 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

Rasburicase 1.5mg and 7.5mg Injection

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Haematologist
Consultant Oncologist
Consultant Paediatric Oncologist

In-patient use:

Malignant Diseases

To be used for the prophylaxis and treatment of acute hyperuricaemia in order to prevent acute renal failure in patients with haematological malignancy with a high tumour burden and at a risk of a rapid tumour lysis or shrinkage at initiation of chemotherapy.