



PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT FOR HEALTH
15, PALAZZO CASTELLANIA, MERCHANTS STREET, VALLETTA, MALTA

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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Argatroban 100mg/mL Concentrate for Solution for Infusion

It is being brought to your attention that Argatroban 100mg/mL concentrate for solution for infusion is available on the Government Formulary List for anticoagulation in adult patients with heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) type II who require parenteral antithrombotic therapy. It is to be used second line to danaparoid injection or when danaparoid is contraindicated.

Argatroban is for in-patient use and is regulated with protocol number 299 (attached). It can be prescribed by Consultant Haematologists, Consultant Surgeons in consultation with Consultant Haematologists, and Consultant Cardiologists in consultation with Consultant Haematologists.

For your attention please.

Dr Denis Vella Baldacchino

Argatroban 100mg/mL Concentrate for Solution for Infusion

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Surgeon in consultation with Consultant Haematologist
Consultant Cardiologist in consultation with Consultant Haematologist
Consultant Haematologist

In-patient use:

Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia, for patients with platelet count drop greater than 50% after heparin treatment. To be used as second line treatment to danaparoid or in those patients where danaparoid is contraindicated.