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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Adenosine 3mg/mL in 10 mL vials

It is being brought to your attention that Adenosine 3mg/mL in 10 mL vials is now available on the Government Formulary List for use within the Department of Medical Imaging and the Department of Cardiology.

Intravenous adenosine 3mg/mL in 10 mL solution for infusion is a coronary vasodilator for use in conjunction with radionuclide myocardial perfusion imaging for vasodilatation of the coronary arteries during nuclear scans and perfusion cardiac magnetic resonance studies, in order to diagnose ischaemic heart disease in patients with chest pain.

Adenosine 3mg/mL in 10 mL vials will also be replacing dipyridamole 5mg/mL in 2mL injections following the latter's discontinuation. Consequently, dipyridamole 5mg/mL in 2mL injections have been deleted from the Government Formulary List.

Adenosine 3mg/mL in 10 mL vials can be prescribed by Hospital Doctors at the Department of Medical Imaging and the Department of Cardiology.

The other adenosine formulation available on the formulary (3mg/mL in 2mL vials) is not practical for use in perfusion studies.

For your attention please.

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