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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Bendamustine Hydrochloride 25mg and 100mg Vials

As part of Government's strategy to continue increasing the availability of oncology medicine, it is being brought to your attention that bendamustine hydrochloride 25mg and 100mg vials are now available on the Government Formulary List for in-patient use.

Bendamustine hydrochloride vials can be prescribed by Consultant Haematologists and Consultant Oncologists for chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and multiple myeloma as per protocol 17 (Annex 1) attached.

For your attention please.

Dr Denis Vella Baldacchino
Chief Medical Officer

Bendamustine Hydrochloride 25mg and 100mg Vials

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Haematologist
Consultant Oncologist

In-patient use:

- First-line treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (Binet stage B or C) when fludarabine combination chemotherapy is not appropriate.
- Second-line treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia when first-line treatment has failed.
- Second-line treatment of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma when first-line treatment has failed.
- Multiple relapses of multiple myeloma