



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Voriconazole 200mg Vials

As part of the Government's commitment towards increasing access to medicines, it is being brought to your attention that voriconazole 200mg vials are now available on the Government Formulary List for inpatient use and can be prescribed as per protocol 306 attached (Annex 1).

Voriconazole is also available on the Government Formulary List as 200mg tablets. Voriconazole tablets are regulated by protocol 305 attached (Annex 2).

Voriconazole tablets have 96% oral bioavailability. For that reason, whenever oral voriconazole is considered clinically suitable, the patient can be prescribed voriconazole tablets.

If a patient approved on voriconazole tablets is admitted to hospital and is unable to take and absorb oral medications, such patient can be switched to the parenteral formulation.

When switching between formulations, prescribers still need to follow the usual practices pertaining to entitlement procedures and permits, as relevant.

For your attention please.

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Chief Medical Officer

Voriconazole 200mg Vials

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Haematologist
Consultant Infectious Diseases Paediatrician
Consultant Infectious Diseases Physician
Consultant Intensivist
Consultant Microbiologist
Consultant Oncologist
Mater Dei Hospital Antibiotic Team Consultant

Inpatient use:

Reserved as:

- First-line treatment of invasive aspergillosis (based on clinical or radiological findings)
- Alternative treatment of aspergilloma where primary treatment (Itraconazole) is inappropriate
- Prophylaxis as first line in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HCST) both during the initial neutropenic phase and graft versus host disease (GVHD) phase.

Other indications are to be considered on a case by case basis by the members of the antibiotic team.

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Outpatient and Inpatient use:

1. Chronic Kidney Disease – Renal Transplants Only
2. Cystic Fibrosis
3. HIV/AIDS and HIV Related Diseases
4. Malignant Diseases
5. Primary Immunodeficiency Disorder
6. Secondary Immunodeficiency Disorder

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Duration of Approval:

1 year