

Statement of Advice

**bendamustine 2.5mg/mL powder for concentrate for solution for
infusion (Levact ®) (No: 700/11)**

Napp Pharmaceuticals Limited

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ADVICE: in the absence of a submission from the holder of the marketing authorisation

bendamustine (Levact ®) is not recommended for use within NHS Scotland.

Indication under review: for the front line treatment of multiple myeloma (Durie-Salmon stage II with progress or stage III) in combination with prednisone for patients older than 65 years who are not eligible for autologous stem cell transplantation and who have clinical neuropathy at time of diagnosis precluding the use of thalidomide or bortezomib containing treatment.

The holder of the marketing authorisation has not made a submission to SMC regarding this product in this indication. As a result we cannot recommend its use within NHSScotland.

Advice context:

No part of this advice may be used without the whole of the advice being quoted in full.

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