

Statement of Advice

canakinumab (Ilaris ®) 150 mg powder for solution for injection
(No: 883/13)

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Ltd

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

canakinumab (Ilaris ®) is not recommended for use within NHS Scotland.

Indication under review: symptomatic treatment of adult patients with frequent gouty arthritis attacks (at least 3 attacks in the previous 12 months) in whom non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and colchicine are contraindicated, are not tolerated, or do not provide an adequate response, and in whom repeated courses of corticosteroids are not appropriate.

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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