

Statement of Advice

deferasirox (Exjade®) 125mg, 250mg and 500mg dispersible tablets
(No: 866/13)

Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd

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

deferasirox (Exjade®) is not recommended for use within NHS Scotland.

Indication under review: treatment of chronic iron overload requiring chelation therapy when deferoxamine therapy is contraindicated or inadequate in patients with non-transfusion-dependent thalassaemia syndromes aged 10 years and older.

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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