

ertapenem (Ivanz)

(No: 134/04)

Merck Sharp & Dohme

Summary of Advice

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The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) has completed its assessment of the above product and advises NHS Boards and ADTCs on its use in NHS Scotland. The advice is summarised as follows:

ADVICE: following a full submission

Ertapenem is accepted for restricted use within NHS Scotland for the treatment of intra-abdominal infections in adults.

Ertapenem should only be used second or third line treatment of community acquired intra-abdominal infections resistant to the current conventional treatments and under the advice of local microbiologists or specialists in infectious diseases.

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