Scottish Medicines Consortium

imatinib (Glivec) (No. 426/07)

Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd

Statement of Advice

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

Imatinib (Glivec) is not recommended for use within NHSScotland for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (Ph+ ALL) as monotherapy.

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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