

**levetiracetam 500mg/5ml concentrate for infusion
(Keppra[®]) (No. 311/06)**

UCB Pharma Ltd

Product Update

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

ADVICE: following an abbreviated submission

levetiracetam 500mg/5ml concentrate for infusion (Keppra[®]) is accepted for use in NHS Scotland as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in adults and children from 4 years of age with epilepsy. It is an alternative when oral administration is temporarily not feasible in patients for whom levetiracetam is an appropriate anticonvulsant.

Intravenous infusion is associated with a greater cost per dose.

Advice context:

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

This advice represents the view of the Scottish Medicines Consortium and was arrived at after evaluation of the evidence submitted by the company. It is provided to inform the considerations of Area Drug & Therapeutics Committees and NHS Boards in Scotland in determining medicines for local use or local formulary inclusion. This advice does not override the individual responsibility of health professionals to make decisions in the exercise of their clinical judgement in the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.

This assessment is based on data submitted by the applicant company up to and including 21 August 2006

**Chairman,
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