

salbutamol (as sulphate) 100 micrograms per dose as powder for inhalation (Salbulin[®] MDPI Novolizer)

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Meda Pharmaceuticals 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

salbutamol (as sulphate) 100 micrograms per dose as powder for inhalation (Salbulin MDPI Novolizer) is accepted for use within NHS Scotland in patients with reversible airways obstruction such as asthma for relief and prevention of asthma symptoms. It may be used in patients in whom treatment with this short-acting beta agonist is appropriate and for whom delivery by a breath-activated dry powder inhaler device offers advantages over other delivery systems. It should be used to relieve asthma symptoms when they occur and to prevent symptoms in circumstances known by the patient to precipitate symptoms, for example prior to exercise or allergen exposure.

It should be used for patients in whom a short-acting beta-agonist is appropriate and for whom a dry powder inhaler is an appropriate delivery device. It has a similar cost to other dry powder inhaled formulations of salbutamol.

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 14 August 2008.

**Chairman,
Scottish Medicines Consortium**

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