

NHS Grampian Formulary Group Decisions for National Cancer Medicines Advisory Group (NCMAG) advice



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abiraterone acetate 500mg film-coated tablets	102	[Off-label use] In combination with prednisolone and androgen deprivation therapy for the treatment of high-risk hormone-sensitive non-metastatic prostate cancer.	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 102 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG102-Abiraterone-Advice-Document-January-2023.pdf Updates decision 17/01/23	21/02/2023
abiraterone acetate 500mg film-coated tablets	110	[Off-label use] In combination with prednisolone and androgen deprivation therapy for the treatment of newly diagnosed low-risk metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer patients who are not suitable for currently accessible on-label alternatives.	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 110 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG110-Abiraterone-acetate_AD-v1.0864d.pdf Updates decision 15/08/23	17/10/2023
anastrozole 1 mg film-coated tablets	113	The primary prevention of breast cancer in post-menopausal people at moderate or high risk.	Not routinely available as the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts	19/11/2024
carfilzomib 10mg, 30mg, 60mg powder for solution for infusion (Kyprolis®)	104	[Off-label use] Once-weekly regimen in combination with dexamethasone alone for the treatment of adults with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy.	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 104 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG104-Carfilzomib-Advice-Document-v1.0543d.pdf	17/01/2023
dabrafenib 50mg, 75mg hard capsules (Tafinlar®) plus trametinib 0.5mg, 2mg film-coated tablets (Mekinist®)	107	[Off-label use] Treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer with BRAF V600E mutation and with no satisfactory locoregional treatment options.	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 107 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG107-Dabrafenib-plus-trametinib_AD-v1.04835.pdf Updates decision 21/11/23	16/01/2024
dasatinib 20mg, 50mg, 100mg film-coated tablets	116	[Off-label use] for the treatment of adult patients with newly diagnosed Philadelphia chromosome positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) integrated with chemotherapy.	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 116 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/NCMAG116_Dasatinib_Newly_diagnosed_AD_July_2024.pdf Updates decision 20/08/24	18/02/2025

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dasatinib 20mg, 50mg, 100mg film-coated tablets	117	For the treatment of adult patients with Philadelphia chromosome–positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukaemia with resistance or intolerance to prior therapy.	Not routinely available as the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts	20/08/2024
lenalidomide 2.5mg, 5mg, 7.5mg, 10mg, 15mg, 20mg, 25mg hard capsules	103	In combination with dexamethasone for the treatment of adults with previously untreated multiple myeloma who are not eligible for transplant and are suitable for thalidomide-containing regimens.	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 103 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG103-Lenalidomide-Advice-Document-October-2022.pdf	21/03/2023
nivolumab 10mg/mL concentrate for solution for infusion (Opdivo®)	106	[Off-label use] Treatment of patients with pleural or peritoneal mesothelioma; second or subsequent line.	Not routinely available as the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts	21/11/2023
pazopanib hydrochloride 200mg, 400mg film-coated tablets (Votrient®)	112	[Off-label use] As second line treatment of poor or intermediate risk advanced/metastatic renal cell carcinoma in patients who have received nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab as first line treatment.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHS Scotland, NCMAG 112 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG112-Pazopanib-Advice-Document-January-2024.pdf	20/02/2024
pemetrexed powder for concentrate for solution for infusion	109	[Off-label use] In combination with cisplatin as adjuvant treatment for patients with completely resected stage IIA to IIIA non-squamous, non-small-cell lung cancer.	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 109 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/publications/ncmag109-pemetrexed-plus-cisplatin-advice-document-july-2023/ Updates decision 15/08/23	19/09/2023
pomalidomide 1mg, 2mg, 3mg, 4mg hard capsules	119	[Off-label use] in combination with dexamethasone for the treatment of adult patients with multiple myeloma who have received one prior treatment regimen including lenalidomide, and where more effective alternatives are not suitable.	Not routinely available as the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts	18/03/2025

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pomalidomide 1mg, 2mg, 3mg, 4mg hard capsules	120	In combination with bortezomib plus dexamethasone for the treatment of adult patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior treatment regimen including lenalidomide.	Not routinely available as the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts	18/03/2025
raloxifene 60mg film-coated tablets	114	[Off label use] for the primary prevention of breast cancer in post-menopausal people at moderate or high risk who are not suitable for on-label alternatives.	Not routinely available as the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts	19/11/2024
sunitinib 12.5mg, 25mg, 37.5mg, 50mg capsules	111	As second line treatment of poor or intermediate risk advanced/metastatic renal cell carcinoma in patients who have received nivolumab in combination with ipilimumab as first line treatment.	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 111 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG111-Sunitinib-Advice-Document-v1.00e06.pdf Updates decision 20/02/24	19/11/2024
tamoxifen 20mg tablets	115	For the primary prevention of breast cancer in people at moderate or high risk.	Not routinely available as the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts	19/11/2024
trametinib dimethyl sulfoxide 2mg film-coated tablets (Mekinist®)	118	[Off-label use] for the treatment of low grade serous ovarian cancer after at least one line of platinum-based chemotherapy.	Not routinely available as the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts	19/11/2024
trastuzumab 150mg, 420mg powder for concentrate for solution for infusion	105	[Off-label use] Reduced treatment duration of 6-months in the neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment pathways, for adults categorised as lower risk with human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) positive early breast cancer (EBC).	Routinely available in line with national guidance, NCMAG 105 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG105-Trastuzumab-Advice-Document-v1.0334e.pdf	17/01/2023
vinorelbine tartrate 20mg, 30mg, 80mg soft capsule (Navelbine®)	108	[Off-label use] Vinorelbine as a second- or subsequent-line treatment of adult patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma whose disease has progressed on or after platinum-based chemotherapy, with or without prior immunotherapy.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHS Scotland, NCMAG 108 https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCMAG108-Vinorelbine_AD-v1.049a2.pdf	16/05/2023