

Ciclosporin 0.1% eye drops for treating severe keratitis in dry eye disease

Technology Guidance from the MOH Drug Advisory Committee

Guidance Recommendations

The Ministry of Health's Drug Advisory Committee has recommended:

- ✓ Ciclosporin 0.1% eye drops for treating severe keratitis in dry eye disease in patients who fulfil the following criteria:
 - Have a corneal fluorescein staining (CFS) grade of 4 using the modified Oxford scale or equivalent; AND
 - Have an ocular surface disease index (OSDI) greater than or equal to 23; AND
 - Inadequate symptom control using optimised treatment with tear substitutes for at least 3 months.

in view of acceptable proposal from the company.

Funding status

Ciclosporin 0.1% eye drops, the only licensed ciclosporin eye preparation registered with the Health Sciences Authority, are recommended for inclusion on the Medication Assistance Fund (MAF) for the abovementioned indication from 1 February 2023.

MAF assistance **does not** apply to other strengths or extemporaneous preparations of ciclosporin eye drops.

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