Paclitaxel

Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: L01CD01

Indication	Kaposi sarcoma of unspecified primary site ICD11 code: 2B57.Z
INN	Paclitaxel
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Complementary
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > IV:** 6 mg per mL
EML status history	First added in 2015 (TRS 994)
Sex	All
Age	Adolescents and adults
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Tags	Cancer
Wikipedia	Paclitaxel
DrugBank	Paclitaxel

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

In 2015, as part of the comprehensive review of cancer medicines undertaken by the Expert Committee, listing for paclitaxel on the complementary list of the EML for use in treatment protocols for Kaposi sarcoma was specifically endorsed. The relevant extract from TRS994 regarding the Expert Committee's 2015 consideration of treatment protocols for Kaposi sarcoma is attached.