



To: CHIEF DIRECTORS: METRO HEALTH SERVICES, RURAL HEALTH SERVICES, STRATEGY AND SUPPORT DIRECTORS: DISTRICTS AND SUB STRUCTURES, PHARMACY SERVICES CEOs: HOSPITALS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN FOR ATTENTION: FACILITY MANAGERS, PHARMACY STAFF, MEDICAL OFFICERS, CLINICAL NURSE PRACTITIONERS, NIMART NURSES

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NEW FORMULATION: ATAZANAVIR 300MG/ RITONAVIR 100MG FIXED DOSE COMBINATION ANTIRETROVIRAL TREATMENT

BACKGROUND

The EML and HIV guideline recommend the use of atazanavir and ritonavir (ATV/r) in adolescent and adult patients with protease inhibitor (PI)-induced dyslipidaemia. The normal adult dosage is atazanavir 300mg boosted with ritonavir 100mg. The item currently on tender is atazanavir 150mg which means a patient must take 3 tablets to get the recommended dosage.

Recently, the fixed dose combination formulation of Atazanavir 300mg/ritonavir 100mg, has been registered with the SAHPRA. It is a significant reduction in pill burden.

IMPLEMENTATION

Patients currently on ATV/r can be changed to the new formulation immediately. Patients already on ART and eligible for ATV/r, can also be prescribed the new formulation.

ACCESS

Atazanavir 300mg/ ritonavir 100mg tablets are available and must be ordered from CMD.

Table with 4 columns: ICN, Item Description, Dosage, Cost. Row 1: 8723259, ATAZANAVIR AND RITONAVIR;300MG;100MG; TABLET;30'S, One tablet once a day, R264.00

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