

Newly Registered Products

bucillamine

nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agent
Rimatil®: Santen, Japan
tablet 100 mg
Indications: rheumatoid arthritis.

cefixime

cefalosporin antibiotic
Cefspan®: Fujisawa, Japan
capsule 50, 100 mg; granules 50 mg/g
Indications: infections due to susceptible micro-organisms.

cefminox sodium

cefalosporin antibiotic
Meicelin®: Meiji Seika Kaisha, Japan
powder for injection 0.5, 1 g/ampoule
Indications: infections due to susceptible micro-organisms.

cefteram pivoxil

cefalosporin antibiotic
Tomiron®: Toyama, Japan
tablet 50, 100 mg
Indications: infections due to susceptible micro-organisms.

dopexamine

beta-2 adrenergic peripheral vasodilator with positive inotropic activity
Dopacard®: Fisons, Belgium
injection fluid 10 mg/ml
Indications: short-term management of patients with cardiac insufficiency associated with myocardial infarction who need inotropic, peripheral vasodilator or renal vasodilator therapy; open-heart surgery; acute exacerbations of chronic cardiac insufficiency.
Contraindications: treatment with MAO-inhibitors less than 14 days before.
Precautions: for use exclusively within specialized units in hospitals.

eptazocine

narcotic analgesic
Sedapain®: Nihon Iyakuin, Japan
powder for injection 15 mg/ampoule
Indications: relief of moderate to severe pain in cancer or after surgery.

felbinac

nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agent
Ledergel®: Cyanamid Benelux, Belgium
gel 3%
Indications: topical management of pain and inflammation in soft-tissue trauma, extra-articular rheumatic or inflammatory conditions.
Contraindications: hypersensitivity to felbinac or NSAIDs, including acetylsalicylic acid.
Precautions: not to be used on broken skin, or with occlusive dressing. Avoid contact with eyes or mucosa. Do not use during pregnancy or lactation. Use with care in children.
Warning: local erythema, irritation and rash may occur.

ganciclovir

synthetic guanine analogue with anti-cytomegalovirus activity.
Cymevene®: Sarva-Syntex, Belgium
powder for injection 500 mg/ampoule
Indications: exclusively for the treatment of life-threatening conditions or potentially blinding retinitis resulting from cytomegalovirus infections in immuno-compromised patients. Not to be used in individuals with normal immunity.
Adverse effects: neutropenia, thrombocytopenia. Suppression of spermatogenesis which is sometimes permanent, decreased fertility in women. Carcinogenicity cannot be excluded.

nalbuphine

opioid analgesic
Nubain®: Dupont, Federal Republic of Germany
injection fluid 10 mg/ml
Indications: short-term treatment of moderate to severe pain after surgery, or cardiac infarction, and

during childbirth or gynaecological procedures. Used as an adjunct in anaesthesia.

Contraindications: hypersensitivity to nalbuphine and to parabens. Asthmatics hypersensitive to sulfite.

Adverse effects: sedation, respiratory depression. Ability to drive or operate machinery may be impaired. Not to be taken with alcohol.

octreotide

synthetic analogue of somatostatin-inhibiting gastric and pancreatic secretion and release of growth hormone

Sandostatine®: Sandoz, Belgium
injection fluid 0.1 mg/ml

Indications: symptomatic treatment of endocrine gastro-enteropancreatic tumours

Contraindications: hypersensitivity

Adverse effects: gastrointestinal symptoms. Chronic treatment has rarely been associated with hyperglycaemia and hepatic dysfunction. Decreases the need for insulin in diabetics.

ranimustine

cytotoxic agent

Cymerin®: Tokyo Tanabe, Japan
powder for injection 50, 100 mg/ampoule

Indications: glioblastoma, myeloma, malignant lymphoma, chronic myelogenous leukemia, polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia.

spizofurone

anti-ulcer agent increasing gastric mucus secretion

Maon®: Takeda, Japan
tablet (strength not indicated)

Indications: gastric ulcer.

telcoplanin

glycopeptide antibiotic
Targosid®: Lepetit, Italy

powder for injection 200 mg/ampoule

Indications: infection due to Gram-positive meticillin- and cephalosporin-resistant bacteria.

Contraindications: hypersensitivity

Precautions: to be used during pregnancy and lactation only when potential benefit exceeds possible risk. During long-term treatment, periodic monitoring of blood and hepatic and renal function is recommended.

teriparatide

diagnostic agent, synthetic fraction of parathyroid hormone

Human PTH®: Toyo Jozo, Japan;

Parathar®: Rorer, USA

powder for injection 100 units/ampoule

Indications: to distinguish between pseudo-hypoparathyroidism and hypoparathyroidism (Ellsworth-Howard test).

Caution: in patients with cardiac or renal disease. Safety during pregnancy, lactation or in children not established.

Precontraindications: Not intended for recurrent or chronic use, which could result in hypercalcaemia.

ubenimex

antineoplastic immunosuppressant

Bestatin®: Nippon Kayaku, Japan
capsule 10, 30 mg

Indications: a component of combined chemotherapeutic maintenance regimens used to extend remission of acute adult non-lymphocytic leukemia.