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Aripiprazole Prolonged Release Injection

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Psychiatrist

Outpatient and Inpatient use:

1. Schizophrenia

Maintenance treatment of adult patients:

- who are non-compliant with long term oral antipsychotic treatment, **AND**
- in whom, the first-generation depot antipsychotics or the atypical depot antipsychotics risperidone / paliperidone, are found to be ineffective or have given rise to intolerable side effects especially hyperprolactinemia.

Patients who have never taken aripiprazole are to be sufficiently stabilised on oral aripiprazole for at least 14 days prior to and after commencement of this depot formulation.

Kindly note that these items can only be dispensed against an official approval from the Medicines Approval Section (permit).

Duration of Approval:

1 year