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Methylphenidate Hydrochloride 18mg and 36mg Prolonged Release Tablets

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Paediatrician (Community Paediatrics)
Consultant Paediatrician (Paediatric Neurology and Neurodisability)
Consultant Paediatrician (Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics)
Consultant Psychiatrist

Outpatient and Inpatient use:

1. Chronic Psychiatric Disorders Starting in Childhood

To be reserved for the treatment for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in patients aged 6 years and over:

- When remedial measures alone prove insufficient and where frequent dosing with methylphenidate immediate release (≥ 5mg three times daily) is unsuccessful or not feasible;

OR

- As a second line therapy, in cases where the supervising clinician has clear evidence that compliance with midday dosing is problematic.

Duration of Approval:
2 years

Note:
Methylphenidate prolonged release is appropriate for those who usually have three doses of immediate-release methylphenidate per day. A once-daily dose of methylphenidate prolonged release provides around 12 hours coverage and is equivalent to a three-times-daily dose regimen of immediate-release methylphenidate.