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Rifampicin Capsules, Injections and Oral Suspension

Part A

Prescriber Criteria: Consultants/Public Health Physicians (as per indications below).

Outpatient and Inpatient use:

1. Tuberculosis
   Active tuberculosis as part of a multiple drug regimen. Prescribed by an Infectious Diseases Physician or a Chest Physician.

2. Leprosy
   Leprosy as part of a multiple drug regimen. Rifampicin once monthly under supervision and, clofazimine or dapsone, daily. Prescribed by Mater Dei Antibiotic Team Consultant or Consultant Dermatologist.

3. MRSA decolonisation
   Decolonisation of MRSA carriage refractory to topical treatment. Prescribed by Mater Dei Hospital Infection Control Consultant.

Duration of Approval:
6 months

Inpatient use:

1. Meningococcal prophylaxis in children, to eradicate documented pharyngeal carriage or for empiric treatment of persons exposed to *Neisseria meningitidis*. (600mg PO x 2 days). To be only prescribed by a Public Health Physician or Mater Dei Hospital Infection Control Consultant.
2. Prophylaxis for exposure to *Haemophilus influenzae meningitis* or other invasive disease (600mg PO x 2 days). To be only prescribed by a Public Health Physician or Mater Dei Hospital Infection Control Consultant.
3. Brucellosis in conjunction with doxycycline. Treatment duration is usually 6 weeks. Prescribed by Mater Dei Hospital Antibiotic Team Consultant.
4. Adjunct to prescribed regimen in case of Legionellosis. This applies if the case is severe enough that a macrolide (erythromycin) alone is not enough. Prescribed by Mater Dei Hospital Antibiotic Team Consultant.
5. Adjunctive treatment of MRSA infections. Prescribed by Mater Dei Hospital Antibiotic Team Consultant.

Other indications require endorsement by a member of the Antibiotic Team.

Part B (Capsules and Oral Suspension Only)

Prescribing Criteria: Consultant Dermatologist

Outpatient and Inpatient use:

1. Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Moderate Hidradenitis Suppurativa in combination with Clindamycin.

Duration of approval:
3 months