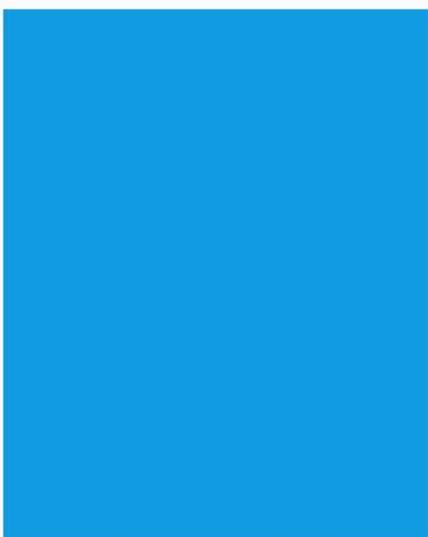


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Treatment:	Co-careldopa 2000mg/500mg intestinal gel for administration via percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube. (Duodopa®, Solvay Pharmaceuticals).
For:	Treatment of advanced levodopa-responsive Parkinson's disease with severe motor fluctuations and hyper-/dyskinesia when available combinations of Parkinson medicinal products have not given satisfactory results.
Background:	<p>Co-careldopa intestinal gel (Duodopa) is a high-cost medicine, which is excluded from Payment by Results (PbR) tariff. It is requested occasionally for the treatment of patients with advanced Parkinson's disease, who have typically failed on all other treatments. Requests are typically made on a patient-by-patient basis to commissioner Individual Funding Request (IFR) panels, resulting in duplication of work and increasing the risk of inconsistent decisions. However, Duodopa is licensed, and may be used in a cohort of patients with severe, refractory Parkinson's disease.</p> <p>There is no NICE Technology Appraisal of this product.</p> <p>Estimated annual cost of treatment - £28,000 - £56,000 per patient.</p>
Commissioning position:	Co-careldopa intestinal gel (Duodopa) is not routinely funded for use in Parkinson's disease
Effective from:	1 April 2013
Evidence Summary:	<p>Co-careldopa intestinal gel (Duodopa) has been reviewed by two commissioning bodies: the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC)¹ and All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG)².</p> <p>In September 2006, SMC concluded "co-careldopa intestinal gel (Duodopa) is not recommended for use within NHS Scotland for the treatment of advanced levodopa-responsive Parkinson's disease with severe motor fluctuations and</p>

	<p>hyper-/dyskinesia when available combinations of Parkinson medicinal products have not given satisfactory results. In the pivotal study an increase in “on” time was achieved compared with individually optimised conventional combinations of Parkinson’s disease medication. However, the economic case has not been demonstrated.”</p> <p>In August 2007, AWMSG concluded “Co-careldopa intestinal gel (Duodopa) should not be recommended for use within NHS Wales for the treatment of advanced levodopa-responsive Parkinson’s disease. The clinical and cost effectiveness data presented was not sufficient for AWMSG to recommend its use.”</p> <p>In view of it’s high cost and limited evidence of clinical benefit in the target population, co-careldopa intestinal gel (Duodopa) is not considered to be a cost-effective option.</p>
Equality Impact:	<p>The NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB) is committed to ensuring equality of access and non-discrimination, irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (gender) or sexual orientation.</p> <p>In carrying out its functions, the NHS CB must have due regard to the different needs of different protected equality groups. This applies to all the activities for which they are responsible, including policy development, review and implementation.</p>
Responsible CRG:	Neurosciences CRG
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