

Use this checklist to determine if a patient meets the restrictions for funding in the **hospital setting**. For more details, refer to [Section H](#) of the Pharmaceutical Schedule. For community funding, see the [Special Authority Criteria](#).

**PRESCRIBER**

Name: ..... Name: .....

Ward: ..... NHI: .....

**Deferasirox**

**INITIATION**

Re-assessment required after 2 years

**Prerequisites** (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a haematologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.

and

The patient has been diagnosed with chronic iron overload due to congenital inherited anaemia

and

Deferasirox is to be given at a daily dose not exceeding 40 mg/kg/day

and

Treatment with maximum tolerated doses of deferiprone monotherapy or deferiprone and desferrioxamine combination therapy have proven ineffective as measured by serum ferritin levels, liver or cardiac MRI T2\*

or

Treatment with deferiprone has resulted in severe persistent vomiting or diarrhoea

or

Treatment with deferiprone has resulted in arthritis

or

Treatment with deferiprone is contraindicated due to a history of agranulocytosis (defined as an absolute neutrophil count (ANC) of < 0.5 cells per  $\mu$ L) or recurrent episodes (greater than 2 episodes) of moderate neutropenia (ANC 0.5 - 1.0 cells per  $\mu$ L)

**CONTINUATION**

Re-assessment required after 2 years

**Prerequisites** (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a haematologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.

and

For the first renewal following 2 years of therapy, the treatment has been tolerated and has resulted in clinical improvement in all three parameters namely serum ferritin, cardiac MRI T2\* and liver MRI T2\* levels

or

For subsequent renewals, the treatment has been tolerated and has resulted in clinical stability or continued improvement in all three parameters namely serum ferritin, cardiac MRI T2\* and liver MRI T2\* levels.

I confirm that the above details are correct:

Signed: ..... Date: .....