

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: .....

Ward: .....

**PATIENT:**

Name: .....

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  $\mu\text{L}$ ) or recurrent episodes (greater than 2 episodes) of moderate neutropenia (ANC 0.5 - 1.0 cells per  $\mu\text{L}$ )

**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: .....