

Prescribing Clinical Network

Policy Statement	Racecadotril for acute diarrhoea in children and adult
Policy No:	PCN 364-2018 (replaces PCN 90-2014)
Date of Issue	September 2018
Review Date:	<i>September 2021 (Unless new published evidence becomes available before this date OR there is new published national guidance e.g. NICE)</i>
Recommendations:	
<p>The Prescribing Clinical Network does not recommend the use of racecadotril for the treatment of acute diarrhoea in children and adults.</p> <p>Racecadotril is considered to have a BLACK status on the traffic light system.</p>	
Key Considerations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of good clinical evidence of benefit over existing treatments • The Scottish Medicines Consortium and the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group do not recommend the use of racecadotril for the treatment of acute diarrhoea in children or adults. • NICE CG84 April 2009: racecadotril was not considered when these guidelines were developed. • Racecadotril is more expensive than existing treatments • This is a review of the PCN recommendation made in March 2014. 	
Date taken to Prescribing Clinical Network	5 th September 2018
Agreed by PCN members	18 th September 2018

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