

# Stoma Product Assessment Panel Public Summary Documents ConvaTec – 14 May 2024

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# Convatec Esteem Body Drainable – CC#01MAY2024

#### Proposed Listing on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, Convatec, sought listing of Convatec Esteem Body Drainable in subgroup 2(b) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, including 62 variants, was proposed for listing at a unit price of \$6.373, with a pack size of 10 and maximum monthly quantity of 30 units.

#### Comparator

The applicant nominated Convatec Esteem+ (SAS Code 5699Y) as the comparator. The comparator product (14 variants) is currently listed in subgroup 2(b) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of \$6.373, with a pack size of 10 and maximum monthly quantity of 30 units.

#### Background

This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (the Panel) first consideration of this product.

#### **Clinical Analysis**

The proposed product is an alternative for users requiring a one-piece drainable bag with a new technology system that claims to provide a more secure, long-lasting seal. The Panel noted the range of baseplate flanges provided in the product samples.

#### Economic and Financial Analysis

The Panel noted that the listing of this new product at the same price and the same maximum monthly quantity as currently listed products in the same subgroup is expected to result in the same monthly cost to the SAS.

#### Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended that Convatec Esteem Body Drainable be listed in subgroup 2(b) of the SAS Schedule, with 62 variants, at a unit price of \$6.373, with a pack size of 10 and maximum monthly quantity of 30 units.

#### Context for Recommendation

The Panel provides advice on whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. Applications are considered in this context. Panel advice not to recommend listing or changes to a listing does not represent a final Panel view about the merits of a particular stoma product. An applicant can resubmit to the Panel following advice not to recommend listing or changes to a listing. The Panel is an advisory committee and as such its recommendations are non-binding on Government. All Panel recommendations are subject to Government approval.

#### Applicant's Comment

The applicant noted the recommendation.



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# Convatec Esteem Body Closed – CC#02MAY2024

#### Proposed Listing on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, Convatec, sought listing of the Convatec Esteem Body Closed in subgroup 1(c) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, including 34 variants, was proposed for listing at a unit price of \$4.433, with a pack size of 30 and maximum monthly quantity of 60 units.

#### Comparator

The applicant nominated ConvaTec Esteem+ Soft Convex Closed Pouch (SAS Code 80211P) as the comparator. The comparator product (11 variants) is currently listed in subgroup 1(c) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of \$4.433, with a pack size of 30 and maximum monthly quantity of 60 units.

#### Background

This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (the Panel) first consideration of this product.

#### **Clinical Analysis**

The proposed product is an alternative for users requiring a closed bag system. The Panel noted the range of baseplate flanges provided in the product samples.

# Economic and Financial Analysis

The Panel noted that the listing of this new product at the same price and the same maximum monthly quantity as currently listed products in the same subgroup is expected to result in the same cost to the SAS.

#### Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended that the Convatec Esteem Body Closed be listed in subgroup 1(c) of the SAS Schedule with 34 variants, at the unit price of \$4.433, with a pack size of 30 and maximum monthly quantity of 60 units.

#### Context for Recommendation

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#### Applicant's Comment

The applicant noted the recommendation.

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# Convatec Esteem Body Urostomy – CC#03MAY2024

# Proposed Listing on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec, sought listing of Convatec Esteem Body Urostomy in subgroup 3(b) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, including 26 variants, was proposed for listing at a unit price of \$6.373, with a pack size of 10 and maximum monthly quantity of 30 units.

#### Comparator

The applicant nominated ConvaTec Esteem+ Soft Convex Urostomy (SAS Code 80213R) as the comparator. The comparator product (13 variants) is currently listed in subgroup 2(b) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of \$6.373, with a pack size of 10 and maximum monthly quantity of 30 units.

#### Background

This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (the Panel) first consideration of this product.

# **Clinical Analysis**

The proposed product is an alternative for users requiring a one-piece urostomy with a new technology system that claims to provide a more secure, long-lasting seal. The Panel noted the range of baseplate flanges provided in the product samples.

# Economic and Financial Analysis

The Panel noted that the listing of this new product at the same price and the same maximum monthly quantity as currently listed products in the same subgroup is expected to result in the same monthly cost to the SAS.

# Panel Recommendation

The Panel recommended that the Esteem Body Urostomy be listed in subgroup 3(b) of the SAS Schedule with 26 variants, at the unit price of \$6.373, with a pack size of 10 and maximum monthly quantity of 30 units. Context for Recommendation

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# Applicant's Comment

The applicant noted the recommendation.

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# Convatec SION Adhesive Remover – CC#04MAY2024

# Proposed Listing on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec, sought listing of Convatec SION Adhesive Remover in subgroup 9(d) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, including one variant, was proposed for listing at a unit price of \$0.320, with a pack size of 100 and maximum monthly quantity of 100 units.

# Comparator

The applicant nominated ConvaTec ConvaCare Adhesive Remover Wipes (SAS Code 3522J) as the comparator. The comparator product (one variant) is currently listed in subgroup 9(d) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of \$0.320, with a pack size of 100 and maximum monthly quantity of 60 units.

#### Background

This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (the Panel) first consideration of this product.

# Clinical Analysis

The proposed product would provide an alternative for users requiring an adhesive remover wipe. The Panel noted that these single use adhesive remover wipes are flammable, highly fragranced and leave an oily residue on the skin. The Panel questioned the suitability of the product for use in stoma care, noting that the applicant did not provide the product ingredients or additional product information in the application.

# Economic and Financial Analysis

The Panel noted the proposed maximum monthly quantity was higher than other currently listed products in the same subgroup, and if the product were to be listed with this higher maximum quantity it would result in an expected cost to the SAS. Should the listing of this product be recommended in the future, the likely budgetary impact for the SAS would be dependent on the agreed price per unit and maximum quantity in comparison to other products listed in the same group and subgroup.

# Panel Recommendation

The Panel rejected the application for Convatec SION Adhesive Remover to be listed in subgroup 9(d) of the SAS Schedule with one variant, at the unit price of \$0.320, with a pack size of 100 and maximum monthly quantity of 100 units, noting the insufficient detail provided in the application to support the suitability of the product in stoma care.

# Context for Recommendation

The Panel provides advice on whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. Applications are considered in this context. Panel advice not to recommend listing or changes to a listing does not represent a final Panel view about the merits of a particular stoma product. An applicant can resubmit to the



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Panel following advice not to recommend listing or changes to a listing. The Panel is an advisory committee and as such its recommendations are non-binding on Government. All Panel recommendations are subject to Government approval.

#### Applicant's Comment

Convatec have recently been advised that the manufacture of ConvaCare Adhesive Remover Wipes have ceased operations and as such there is a need for the SION Adhesive Remover to address this obsolescence. The SION Adhesive Remover Wipes consist of the same ingredients as ConvaCare, is considered a like-for-like replacement, and would have no bearing on patient experience. Due to the lack of supply of ConvaCare and no alternative Convatec replacement listed on the SAS, there may be a temporary increase in demand for the SION product. If the Panel's main concern pertains to the proposed monthly quantity, Government may consider SAS listing at a reduced monthly quantity to ensure patients are provided access to SION product.



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# SION Skin Barrier – CC#05MAY2024

# Proposed Listing on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec, sought listing of Convatec SION Skin Barrier in subgroup 9(k) of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, with one variant, was proposed for listing at a unit price of \$0.290, with a pack size of 100 and maximum annual quantity of 700 units.

# Comparator

The applicant nominated ConvaTec ConvaCare Protective Barrier Wipes (SAS Code 3502H) as the comparator. The comparator product (one variant) is currently listed in subgroup 9(k) of the SAS Schedule at the unit price of \$0.290, with a pack size of 100 and maximum annual quantity of 700 units.

#### Background

This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (the Panel) first consideration of this product.

# **Clinical Analysis**

The proposed product would provide an alternative for users requiring a barrier wipe. The Panel noted that these single use barrier wipes would sting if used on broken skin, are flammable, highly fragranced and leave an oily residue on the skin. The Panel questioned the suitability of the product for use in stoma care, noting that the applicant did not provide the product ingredients or additional product information in the application.

# Economic Analysis

The Panel noted if that the product was proposed for listing at the same price and the same maximum monthly quantity as currently listed products in the same subgroup, and if the product were listed it would be expected to result in the same monthly cost on the SAS.

Should the listing of this product be recommended in the future, the likely budgetary impact for the SAS would be dependent on the agreed price per unit and maximum quantity in comparison to other products listed in the same group and subgroup.

# Panel Recommendation

The Panel rejected the application for the Convatec SION Skin Barrier to be listed in subgroup 9(k) of the SAS Schedule with one variant, at the unit price of \$0.290, with a pack size of 100 and maximum annual quantity of 700 units noting the insufficient detail provided in the application to support the suitability of the product in stoma care.

# Context for Recommendation

The Panel provides advice on whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. Applications are considered in this context. Panel advice not to recommend listing or changes to a listing does not represent a final Panel view about the merits of a particular stoma product. An applicant can resubmit to the



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Panel following advice not to recommend listing or changes to a listing. The Panel is an advisory committee and as such its recommendations are non-binding on Government. All Panel recommendations are subject to Government approval.

# Applicant's Comment

Convatec have recently been advised that the manufacture of ConvaCare Protective Barrier Wipes have ceased operations and as such there is a need for the SION Skin Barrier to address this obsolescence. The SION Skin Barrier Wipes consist of the same ingredients as ConvaCare, is considered a like-for-like replacement, and would have no bearing on patient experience. As the product is already included onto the ARTG all clinical safety and efficacy has been reviewed by TGA which confirm the product's suitability for its intended purpose. Ingredients of the product can also be located on the outer carton. If the Panel's main concern pertains to a list of ingredients, Government may consider SAS listing upon the carton label being provided for review.