



Stoma Product Assessment Panel

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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 units and maximum monthly quantity of 60 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 units and maximum monthly quantity of 60 units.

Background

This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (the Panel) second consideration of this product. The product was previously rejected by the Panel at its May 2024 meeting¹.

Clinical Analysis

The proposed product would provide an alternative for users requiring an adhesive remover wipe. The Panel noted these single use adhesive remover wipes leave a greasy residue on the skin, are highly fragrant and contain alcohol which is harmful to the skin. The Panel had questioned the suitability of the product in its previous consideration of the product in May 2024. The Panel appreciated the additional evidence provided by the sponsor, but did not consider that the additional evidence provided in this submission supported the use or suitability of the product in stoma care.

Economic and Financial Analysis

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

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 units and maximum monthly quantity of 60 units, noting the product is not appropriate for use in stoma care. The Panel noted that alternative products are currently available in subgroup 9(d) of the SAS Schedule, including alternative products from ConvaTec.

¹ [SPAP public summary document – May 2024 – ConvaTec Public Summary Documents | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)



Context for Recommendation

The Panel provides advice on whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidy 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.

Applicant's Comment

The use of adhesive remover wipes and barrier wipes in stoma care is commonplace amongst patients and is intended to facilitate non-traumatic removal of adhesive appliances as well as minimising damage to peristomal skin.

Convatec note the Panel's comment regarding the wipes containing alcohol and would like to emphasise the long-established use of alcohol wipes in clinical settings, with equivalent alcohol-based wipes having previously recommended for listing on the Schedule. Sion adhesive remover and barrier wipes are intended as a replacement for Convatec's ConvaCare wipes which have since been discontinued globally.

Though both Sion and Convatec's previous ConvaCare product are fragranced, the perceived concentration and differences in aroma are considered subjective.



ConvaTec SION Skin Barrier – CC#02NOVEMBER2024

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 units 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 units and maximum annual quantity of 700 units.

Background

This was the Stoma Product Assessment Panel's (the Panel) second consideration of this product. The product was previously rejected by the Panel at the May 2024 meeting².

Clinical Analysis

The proposed product would provide an alternative for users requiring a barrier wipe. The Panel noted these single use skin barrier wipes leave a greasy residue on the skin, are highly fragrant and contain alcohol which is harmful to the skin. The Panel had questioned the suitability of the product in its previous consideration of the product in May 2024. The Panel appreciated the additional evidence provided by the sponsor, but did not consider that the additional evidence provided in this submission supported the use or suitability of the product in stoma care.

Economic Analysis

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

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 units and maximum annual quantity of 700 units, noting the product is not appropriate for use in stoma care. The Panel noted that alternative products are currently available in subgroup 9(k) of the SAS Schedule, including products from ConvaTec.

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