

PUBLIC SUMMARY DOCUMENT

Product: Unomedical Nelaton Tiemann Tip

Applicant: ConvaTec (Australia) Pty Ltd

Date of SPAP Meeting: 28 April 2020

1. Proposed Variation on the Stoma Appliance Scheme

The applicant, ConvaTec (Australia) Pty Ltd, sought an increase in the maximum monthly quantity for the entire product range, from 100 to 120 per month for the current listing of the Unomedical Tiemann Tip (SAS Code 9962H) in subgroup 8(c), of the Stoma Appliance Scheme (SAS) Schedule. The product, including four variants, is currently listed at a unit price of \$1.657, with a maximum monthly quantity of 100 units with an R1 Restriction – requires Stomal Therapy Nurse (STN), Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse or Registered Medical Practitioner authorisation.

2. Reason for Variation

The applicant requested a change in the maximum monthly quantity for the entire product range for the Unomedical Tiemann Tip (SAS Code 9962H) from 100 to 120 per month to be in line with other products currently listed in subgroup 8(c) of the SAS Schedule.

3. Background

This product was first listed on the SAS Schedule in April 2011.

4. Clinical Place for the Product

The proposed product provides an alternative for users requiring an intermittent catheter with a tiemann tip

Financial Analysis

Not applicable

5. SPAP Recommendation

The Panel rejected the application to increase the maximum monthly quantity for the entire product range for the current listing of Unomedical Nelaton (SAS Code 9962H) in subgroup 8(c) of the SAS Schedule, from 100 to 120 per month.

Clinical advice to the Panel was that the maximum quantities for catheters should be consistent with their pack size such that packs are not broken. The Panel noted the pack size for this product is 100 and thus a quantity of 120 would necessitate a breaking of the pack.

6. Context for Decision

The Panel helps decide whether stoma products should be subsidised and, if so, the conditions of their subsidisation in Australia. It considers submissions in this context. A Panel decision not to recommend listing or changes to a listing does not represent a final Panel view about the merits of a particular stoma product. A company can resubmit to the Panel following a decision 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 Cabinet/Ministerial approval.

7. Applicant's Comment

ConvaTec (Australia) Pty Ltd accepts the Panel's recommendation.