

# PBS Authority Quick Reference Guide

**Ikervis Indication:** Severe keratitis in an adult patient with dry eye disease which has not improved despite treatment with tear substitutes.<sup>1</sup>

## INITIAL TREATMENT PHASE<sup>2</sup>

### Initiation

Initial treatment for up to the first 180 days of treatment with Ikervis



### Corneal Fluorescein Staining (CFS)

Patient must have a CFS grade of 4 at treatment initiation using the Oxford scale or equivalent



### Ocular Surface Disease Index (OSDI)

Patient must have an OSDI score of  $\geq 23$  at treatment initiation



### Artificial Tear (AT) substitutes

- The condition must be inadequately controlled by monotherapy with a preservative free AT substitute; AND
- Patient must be undergoing simultaneous treatment with a preservative free AT substitute.



## CONTINUING TREATMENT PHASE<sup>2</sup>

### Continuation

Patient must have received PBS-subsidised treatment with Ikervis for this condition



### Corneal Fluorescein Staining (CFS)

Improvement (reduction) in CFS by  $\geq 3$  grades from baseline (as measured by the same scale as initiation)



### Ocular Surface Disease Index (OSDI)

OSDI score has improved by  $\geq 30\%$  compared to value stated at treatment initiation



**If YES to all, contact PBS for Authorisation**  
 (see over)

If **NO** to any PBS criteria for initiation and continuing phase; and **YES** to Ikervis<sup>®</sup> indication



**Private (non-PBS):**  
 Patient is not eligible for PBS. The RRP of Ikervis<sup>®</sup> is \$81.90 as a non-PBS prescription<sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup>RRP is a guide only and there is no obligation to comply with recommended retail prices, retailers are free to set their own prices.

## How to contact PBS for Authority Required approval (immediate/real-time assessment)

 1800 888 333 (24 hours)

 [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/HPOS](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/HPOS)

### Checklist for application

#### PATIENT INFORMATION

- Medicare number
- First and last name
- Full residential address
- CFS grade
- OSDI score

#### PRESCRIBER INFORMATION

- Your Prescriber number
- PBS Authority Prescription Number

#### IKERVIS INFORMATION

- PBS item number (12663L)
- Quantity (30 x 0.3mL units)
- Number of repeats (max. 5)
- Ikervis indication

Please see the PBS website for more information

**PBS Information:** Authority Required. Refer to PBS Schedule for full information.

Before prescribing, please review the Approved Product Information available on request to Seqirus Medical Information (1800 642 865) or [www.seqirus.com.au/products](http://www.seqirus.com.au/products)

▼ This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring in Australia. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse events at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems).

**MINIMUM PRODUCT INFORMATION: IKERVIS**<sup>®</sup> (ciclosporin 0.1% ophthalmic emulsion) **Indication:** Treatment of severe keratitis in adult patients with dry eye disease which has not improved despite treatment with tear substitutes. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients; Ocular or peri-ocular malignancies or premalignant conditions; Active or suspected ocular or peri-ocular infection. **Precautions:** Any reversible underlying conditions, not associated with dry eye disease, should be treated prior to initiating IKERVIS<sup>®</sup>; History of ocular herpes; Contact lenses should be removed before instillation of eye drops and re-inserted at wake-up time and careful monitoring of severe keratitis is recommended; Glaucoma – limited experience with IKERVIS<sup>®</sup>. Exercise caution especially with concomitant beta-blockers; Co-administration with eye drops containing corticosteroids may potentiate effects of IKERVIS<sup>®</sup> on the immune system; May affect host defences against local infection and malignancies. **Use in Pregnancy (Category C):** No data available; Not recommended in pregnancy unless the potential benefit to mother outweighs the potential risk to fetus. **Use in Lactation:** Insufficient information on breastfed infants; it is unlikely that sufficient amounts are present in breast milk. A decision must be made to discontinue either IKERVIS<sup>®</sup> or breastfeeding during treatment. **Use in Children:** No data available. **Interactions with other medicines:** No data available. **Adverse Effects:** Common: erythema of eyelid; lacrimation increased; ocular hyperaemia; vision blurred; eyelid oedema; conjunctival hyperaemia; eye pruritus. Very common: eye pain, eye irritation. **Dosage and administration:** The recommended dose is one drop of IKERVIS<sup>®</sup> once daily to be applied to the affected eye(s) at bedtime.

**References:** 1. Ikervis Product Information. 2. Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (<https://www.pbs.gov.au>).

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