



## Alternative hydroxocobalamin product PBS listed



Hydroxocobalamin (Goldshield Hydroxocobalamin) has been temporarily PBS listed to provide an alternative to the currently listed product (Neo-Cytamen) while it is in short supply.<sup>1</sup> The maximum quantity of hydroxocobalamin has been temporarily increased from 3 to 5 ampoules — about 1 year's supply. For prevention of vitamin B12 deficiency, hydroxocobalamin 1000 micrograms should be given every 2-3 months.

### Reference

1. Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee. March 2007 positive recommendations. Canberra: Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, 2007. <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/pbacrec-mar07-positive> (accessed 24 April 2007).

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