

## Use of agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) within NHS Wales

*Please disseminate the following information to the appropriate individuals within your organisation across NHS Wales.*

Dear Colleague

The First Minister has endorsed AWMSG's recommendation that the use of agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) be supported for use within NHS Wales.

### **AWMSG recommendation:**

*It was agreed (by majority)* that the recommendation to the Minister for Health & Social Services with regard to agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) is that agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) should be endorsed within NHS Wales for the treatment of Fabry disease in accordance with the licensed indication with the following restrictions:

AWMSG recommends that:

1. Patients receiving agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) will be entered into the Fabry registry.
2. Treatment will be administered under the supervision of a physician experienced in the management of Fabry disease or other inherited metabolic diseases.
3. Treatment will be administered according to agreed guidelines at appropriate centres.

The Chairman confirmed that the use of the drug will be governed by the guidelines agreed and that AWMSG will re-visit the issue of orphan-drugs at a future meeting.

If you wish to view the appraisal meeting documentation please click on the link below.

[AWMSG meeting documents October 2006](#)

This information has been disseminated by the AWMSG Secretariat.

**Professor Philip A. Routledge**  
**Acting Chairman AWMSG**

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This communication has been sent to the following:

Welsh Assembly Government

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Local Health Boards in Wales Secretariat  
LHB Chief Executives  
LHB Medical Directors  
LHB Finance Directors  
LHB Nurse Directors  
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