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Title Avemar Granulate as Dietary Food / Special Purpose Food for Cancer

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Aim

To assess the effectiveness, safety and cost-effectiveness of Avemar granulate as a dietary food / special purpose food for cancer.

Conclusions and results

Benefits to patients with colorectal cancer, head and neck cancer as well as post surgical cancer patients cannot be determined as the evidence are limited and of poor quality of evidence. Hence, further research into the role of Avemar as a dietary food / special purpose food in these areas is warranted.

Recommendations (if any)

Based on the above review, use of Avemar as dietary food / special purpose food for cancer /adjunct therapy is recommended for research purposes only to provide more high quality of evidence.

Methods

Literatures were searched through electronic databases specifically PubMed/Medline, Cochrane, OVID, INAHTA and also in general databases. Google was used to search as additional web-based information. In addition websites for existing HTA agency, society websites and cross-referencing of the articles retrieved were also carried out accordingly to the topic. A critical appraisal of the retrieved papers was performed and the evidence level was graded according to the US/Canadian Preventive Services Task Force.

Further research/reviews required

Clinical research may provide more conclusive evidence on the effectiveness for its use.

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