

# Pembrolizumab gets regulatory go-ahead

MSD's cancer drug, [Pembrolizumab](#), has received regulatory approval by the Medicines Control Council (now South African Health Products Regulatory Authority) in South Africa.



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This followed agreement with the Department of Health that the application complied with the criteria for fast-track review. Breakthroughs in immuno- oncology provide healthcare practitioners and patients with new options to treat cancer that did not exist before.

MSD has an extensive immuno-oncology clinical research programme, which currently involves more than 550 trials studying Pembrolizumab across a wide variety of cancers and treatment settings. MSD is currently working on making Pembrolizumab (trade name Keytruda) available to patients in early 2018.

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