

Russia Includes Heberprot-P in List of Essential Medicines

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Moscow, Sep 4 (Prensa Latina) For the first time ever, a Cuban biotechnology product, Heberprot-P, was included in the list of Essential, Vital Medicines by the specialized commission of the Health Ministry of Russia in its session today.

Under the Russian law, the preparations accepted by this group of experts have to be ratified later by the president of Russia.

However, it is a fact that this effective medicine in the struggle against amputations caused by diabetic foot ulcer is in the list, said sources of the said commission.

Elena Maxinka, head of the Medicine Supply Department and co-president of the health Working Group of the Inter-Governmental Commission Russia-Cuba for Collaboration, highlighted the positive results of the clinic tests made with Heberprot-P.

The results obtained in Belarus and Russia back the registry of this medicine and confirm that it is not a cosmetic preparation, but penetrates efficiently the patients' body, she commented during an on-line debate.

From the economic point of view, the members of the Commission said the price of this product in Russia is lower than in other European countries where it is already registered.

Maxinka, other members of the commission and the Federal Medical-Biological Agency and the Ministry of industry and Trade contributed positive criteria about the Heberprot-P, that were crucial for the voting that led to its inclusion in the list of essential medicines., which means that budget resources can be allocated to its acquisition.

This medicine is expected to diminish four times the number of amputations in patients with diabetic foot ulcer and increase the population's life expectancy, two essential objectives in the modernization of the health care system in Russia.

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