

Supply Disruption- Multiple Medicines

July 2020



We have been notified of supply problems affecting several different products.

Details of the affected products, resupply dates and recommendations in the interim are provided in the table below.

Product	Out of stock until	Recommended Actions
Lodoxamide (Alomide) 0.1% eye drops	w/c 24 August 2020	These are non-formulary. Consider self-care for allergic conjunctivitis. Sodium cromoglycate eye drops remain available if a prescription is indicated.
Mirtazapine 15mg and 45mg orodispersible tablets	End of July 2020	Review if orodispersible tablets are required. Standard release Mirtazapine 15mg, 30mg and 45mg tablets remain available if orodispersible not required. 30mg orodispersible tablets remain available so consider if medicine optimisation is an option (eg for patient taking 2x15mg) Standard tablets can be crushed and mixed with water to support oral administration. (The tablet may not fully dissolve, so this is not suitable for administration via an NG tube.) Consider using 15mg/ml oral suspension for tube patients.
Imipramine 25mg tablets	Early August 2020	Imipramine is BLACK traffic light for neuropathic pain/depression. Review indication/need and where appropriate consider formulary alternatives such as Lofepamine. For nocturnal enuresis 10mg tablets remain available.
Lacosamide (Vimpat) 50mg tablets	From early July until w/c 20 July	Vimpat 10mg/ml syrup remains available.
Flixotide® 0.5mg/2ml and 2mg/2ml nebulisers are out of stock from late June and August 2020, respectively.	Re-supplies of both strengths are expected from Nov 20.	Review the ongoing need for nebulised steroids and consider switching the patient to a steroid containing metered dose inhaler and spacer combination. (Patients requiring on-going steroid nebs are likely to be under secondary care) For patients who require continued use of a nebulised corticosteroid consider switching patients to budesonide nebuliser suspension, bearing in mind there is a lack of definitive data on dose equivalence of nebulised steroids.

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