

## Medicine shortages

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Medicine ( <i>alphabetical order</i> )	Details	Guidance
Beclomethasone inhalers (Clenil brand)	<p><b>Problem:</b> shortage of Clenil beclomethasone inhalers.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> increased demand affecting NHS supply chain.</p> <p><b>Current situation:</b> In order to help maintain supplies, additional batches of this inhaler are being released into the NHS Supply Chain. The medication and the device is the same, however the appearance of the product is different (including colour of actuator and cap, embossing and no inclusion of a dose indicator).</p>	Further details and pictures of the inhalers are available on <a href="#">suppliers website</a> .
Bupropion 150mg prolonged release tablets	<p><b>Problem:</b> a complete stock unavailability is anticipated in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> manufacturing site transfer.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> anticipated October 2020</p> <p><b>Current situation:</b> some limited stock availability with some wholesalers only. DoH are allowing imported bupropion once UK stocks are no longer available.</p>	<a href="#">Bupropion shortage memo</a> .
Clonidine	<p><b>Problem:</b> clonidine 25 microgram tablets unavailable.</p> <p><b>Resolution date:</b> unknown.</p> <p>Abrupt withdrawal is not recommended due to the severe risk of rebound hypertension. Cases of agitation, restlessness, palpitations, nervousness, tremor, headache and abdominal symptoms have also been reported.</p>	<a href="#">Clonidine shortage memo</a> .
Diamorphine	<p><b>Problem:</b> diamorphine 5mg and 10mg ampoules became unavailable in February 2020</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> issues with European manufacturing plant (Accord) and availability of active ingredient (Wockhardt)</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> one supplier (Wockhardt) is now back in stock therefore this issue is <b>NOW RESOLVED</b></p>	NA

Moclobemide	<p>Problem: 300mg tablets unavailable  Resolution: anticipated July 2020  150mg tablet shortage – <b>NOW RESOLVED</b></p>	NA
Phenelzine	<p><b>Problem:</b> sole UK supplier out of stock since last year; imported phenelzine supplies have become difficult to obtain reliably.  <b>Resolution date:</b> unknown  <b>Current situation:</b> unlicensed special available – see memo for details.</p>	<a href="#">Phenelzine shortage memo.</a>
Prazosin	<p><b>Problem:</b> 1mg tablets unavailable  <b>Resolution date:</b> unknown  0.5mg tablet shortage – <b>NOW RESOLVED</b></p>	NA
Sulpiride	<p><b>Problem:</b> 400mg tablets unavailable  <b>Resolution date:</b> unknown  200mg tablet shortage – <b>NOW RESOLVED</b></p>	NA