

<p><a href="#">Shortage of Testosterone (Tostran) 2% gel</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date: 18 September 2023</p> <hr/> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Clinicians should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review patients to determine if this is still the most suitable therapy</li> <li>• consider prescribing an alternative testosterone gel, ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients and is counselled on the appropriate dose and how to administer it (see Clinical Information below); and</li> <li>• if the above options are not considered appropriate, advice should be sought from specialists on management options.</li> </ul> <p><b>For more information about alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Fluvoxamine (Faverin) 50mg tablets</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 6 October 2023</p> <p><b>For more information about alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Permethrin 5% cream</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date –</p> <p><b>For more information about alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Oxycodone 5mg/5ml oral solution</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 30 September 2023</p> <hr/> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Clinicians should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review patients to determine if oxycodone 5mg/5ml oral solution is still the most suitable therapy</li> <li>• consider prescribing immediate release oxycodone capsules for patients who can swallow solid dosage forms and are on a regime comprising 5mg or 10mg doses, ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients and is counselled on the appropriate dose (see Supporting information below)</li> <li>• consider prescribing morphine-based products as an alternative agent, if clinically appropriate</li> <li>• reserve stock of oxycodone 5mg/5ml oral solution for patients where doses such as 2.5mg or 7.5mg cannot be made up easily with capsules and alternatives are not considered suitable</li> <li>• consider prescribing unlicensed oxycodone oral solution/suspension only where the immediate release capsules or other licensed opioid analgesics are not appropriate. Prescribers should work with local pharmacy teams to ensure orders are placed within appropriate time frames as lead times may vary (see supporting information below); and</li> <li>• if the above options are not considered appropriate, advice should be sought on alternative pain management options from team who initiated oxycodone liquid.</li> </ul> <p><b>For more information about alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>

<p><a href="#">Shortage of Hydrocortisone sodium phosphate 100mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 30 October 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions for clinicians and pharmacists, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Nafarelin 200micrograms/dose nasal spray</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 15 September 2023</p> <p><b>For more information about alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Desmopressin 10micrograms/dose nasal spray</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 5 July 2024</p> <hr/> <p><b>Medicines affected</b></p> <p>Medicine Anticipated re-supply date Desmospray 10micrograms/dose nasal spray (Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd) 5 July 2024</p> <hr/> <p><b>Alternatives</b></p> <p>Desmopressin 10micrograms/actuation nasal spray remains available from Aspire Pharma Ltd.</p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Selegiline tablets</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 20 October 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions for clinicians and pharmacists, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Jext 300 micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1,000) solution for injection auto-injectors</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date Jext 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1,000) solution for injection auto-injectors (ALK-Abello Ltd) 1 pre-filled disposable injection 20 October 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions for clinicians and pharmacists, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Norditropin (somatropin) Flexpro 10mg/1.5ml, 15mg/1.5ml and Norditropin (somatropin) NordiFlex 5mg/1.5ml, 10mg/1.5ml and 15mg/1.5ml solution</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 29 September 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions for clinicians and pharmacists, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>

<p><a href="#">Shortage of Benzoyl peroxide 3% / Clindamycin 1% (Duac Once Daily) gel</a></p>	<p>Medicine Anticipated re-supply date Duac Once Daily gel (3% and 1%) (Stiefel Laboratories (UK) Ltd) 30 gram 3 November 2023 Duac Once Daily gel (3% and 1%) (Stiefel Laboratories (UK) Ltd) 60 gram 3 November 2023</p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Estradiol (Estradot) 25micrograms/24 hours, 37.5micrograms/24 hours and 100micrograms/24 hours transdermal patches</a></p>	<p>Medicine Anticipated re-supply date Estradot 25micrograms/24hours patches (Sandoz Ltd) 29 September 2023 Estradot 37.5micrograms/24hours patches (Sandoz Ltd) 29 September 2023 Estradot 100micrograms/24hours patches (Sandoz Ltd) 29 September 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions for clinicians and pharmacists, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Tetrabenazine 25mg tablets</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 25 September 2023</p> <hr/> <p><b>Alternatives</b></p> <p>AOP Orphan's tetrabenazine 25mg tablets remain available and are able to fully support an uplift in demand.</p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Minims Oxybuprocaine hydrochloride 0.4% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose and Minims Proxymetacaine 0.5% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose</a></p>	<p>Medicine Anticipated re-supply date Oxybuprocaine 0.4% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose preservative free 6 October 2023 Proxymetacaine 0.5% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose preservative free 6 October 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions for clinicians and pharmacists, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Minims Povidone Iodine 5% w/v Eye Drops, Solution</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 6 October 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions for clinicians and pharmacists, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Pilocarpine hydrochloride 2% eye drops</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 29 September 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Shortage of Phenytoin sodium 100mg capsules (Accord)</a></p>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 29 December 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>

<a href="#">Shortage of Tegreto! (carbamazepine) 100mg tablets</a>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 27 October 2023</p> <p><b>For information on specific actions, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<a href="#">Shortage of Acetazolamide (Diamox SR) 250mg modified-release capsules</a>	<p>Anticipated re-supply date 15 September 2023</p> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>For patients with insufficient supplies, clinicians should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deferring initiating any new patients on acetazolamide (Diamox SR) 250mg modified-release capsules until the supply issue is resolved.</li> <li>• prescribing acetazolamide immediate release 250mg tablets and monitoring patients after the switch (see clinical information);</li> <li>• If acetazolamide immediate release 250mg tablets are not appropriate, consider prescribing one of the following unlicensed medicines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ acetazolamide SR 250mg capsules (imported)</li> <li>○ acetazolamide oral suspension (various strengths available)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>For information on specific actions, alternatives, considerations and background please see <a href="#">link</a></b></p>
<p>All Serious Shortage Protocols (SPP's) can be found: <a href="https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps">https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps</a></p> <p><b>Shortage update taken from SPS Medicines Supply Toolkit on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Information provided by DHSC and NHSEI Medicines Supply Teams and published on Specialist Pharmacy Services Medicines Supply Tool. Not formally reviewed by NHS Kent and Medway Medicines Optimisation. Practices are encouraged to register for access to the SPS website <a href="https://www.sps.nhs.uk/">https://www.sps.nhs.uk/</a> and access this tool directly in real time.</b></p>	