Department of Health & Social Care

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Supply Disruption Alert

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Mitomycin-C Kyowa all strengths – Supply Disruption Alert

Summary

- Mitomycin-C 2mg, 10mg, 20mg powder for solution for injection and Mitomycin-C 40mg powder for intravesical solution marketed in the UK by Kyowa Kirin is unavailable with no date for resupply until further notice.
- This supply issue is due to quality control release and manufacturing concerns.
- No alternative supplies of UK licensed mitomycin are available in sufficient quantities to support this gap in supply
- Imports of unlicensed mitomycin powder for solution for injection and intravesical solution are available but may not be sufficient to meet normal demand.

Action

All healthcare professionals in secondary or specialist healthcare services who prescribe, compound, dispense or administer mitomycin should:

- Ensure orders are placed for unlicensed imports immediately, in line with normal demand for Mitomycin-C. Lead times vary so organisations may wish to consider sharing stock locally until imports are received.
- Contact individual importer companies for most up to date information on import availability and lead times.
- Not order mitomycin 40 mg, powder and solvent for intravesical solution from Medac unless you are an existing customer. Medac have insufficient stocks to cover any increase in demand.
- Ensure aseptic units are made aware of this supply interruption and requirements for process changes are reviewed and implemented. The Commercial Medicines Unit at NHS England is communicating directly with commercial compounders about this supply issue.
- Where demand exceeds available supplies, in discussion with local clinical specialists, consider prioritising the stock available (both remaining supplies and unlicensed imports) for clinical indications deemed appropriate locally.
- Consider appropriate alternatives in discussion with local specialists where unlicensed supplies are deemed unsuitable or where there are insufficient supplies available to meet normal demand.

Deadlines for actions

Actions initiated:	24 October 2019
Actions completed:	31 January 2020

Product details

Mitomycin-C Kyowa 2mg powder for solution for injection 10 vials
Mitomycin-C Kyowa 10mg powder for solution for injection 1 vial
Mitomycin-C Kyowa 20mg powder for solution for injection 1 vial
Mitomycin-C Kyowa 40mg powder for intravesical solution 1 vial

Problem / background

Kyowa Kirin are the sole supplier of Mitomycin-C 2mg, 10mg and 20mg powder for solution for injection and hold a significant market share of Mitomycin-C 40mg powder for intravesical solution. This gap in supply is due to quality control release and manufacturing concerns. NHS England & Improvement, the Department of Health and Social Care and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) continue to work closely with Kyowa Kirin on resolving this issue as quickly as possible.

Distribution

Trusts (NHS boards in Scotland)

CAS and SABS (NI) liaison officers for onward distribution to all relevant staff including:

- Chief pharmacists
- Clinical governance leads
- Clinical Procurement Specialists
- Colposcopy departments
- Haematologists
- Hospital pharmacies
- Hospital pharmacists
- Medical oncologists
- Medical oncology, directors of
- Oncology nurse specialists
- Ophthalmic nurses
- Ophthalmologists
- Ophthalmology departments
- Ophthalmology, directors of
- Pharmaceutical advisors
- Pharmacists
- Purchasing managers
- Radiation & medical oncology departments
- Radiation oncologists
- Radiation oncology, directors of
- Sterile services departments
- Supplies managers
- Urological surgeons
- Urological surgery, directors of
- Urology departments

Enquiries

England

Enquiries from NHS Trusts in England should in the first instance be directed to you trust pharmacy team who will escalate issues to the Regional Procurement Lead and national teams if required.

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All other organisations should send enquiries about this notice to the DHSC Supply Resilience Team, quoting reference number **SDA/2019/006**

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