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Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Reboxetine (Edronax®) 4mg tablets

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: w/c 16 December 2019

Issue

- 1. Reboxetine (Edronax®) 4mg tablets will be out of stock from w/c 2 December until w/c 16 December 2019 due to manufacturing issues.
- 2. Limited supplies of parallel imports and unlicensed imports are available.

Advice and Actions

- 3. Pharmacies should order parallel imports via their usual wholesaler routes, or by contacting suppliers directly (see supporting information below).
- 4. For patients without sufficient supplies of reboxetine (Edronax®) tablets (including parallel imports), prescribers should consider prescribing an unlicensed import (see supporting information below).

Additional Information

5. The following parallel importers have currently confirmed availability of reboxetine (Edronax®) tablets, however there may be other companies that can source.

Supplier	Contact details for pharmacies to place orders
Chemilines Group	0208 799 7888 (or via multiple wholesalers)
Ethigen Ltd	0800 019 7100
Sigma Plc	0800 597 4462

- 6. The following specialist importers have currently confirmed availability of unlicensed reboxetine 4mg tablets:
 - Alium Medical
 - Clinigen Group PLC
 - Target healthcare Limited
 - Mawdsleys
- 7. Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and NHS Trust or local governance procedures. Please see the links below for further information.
 - Prescribing unlicensed medicines, General Medical Council

- <u>The supply of unlicensed medicinal products</u>, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
- <u>Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials</u>, Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Enquiries

8. Any enquiries should be directed to PharmacyTeam@gov.scot