



22 November 2019

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Fluorouracil 5% (Efudix®) cream

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: w/c 16 December 2019

Issue

1. Fluorouracil 5% (Efudix®) cream will be out of stock from week commencing 25 November until week commencing 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.
4. For patients without sufficient supplies of Efudix® cream (including parallel imports), prescribers should consider prescribing an unlicensed import.

Additional Information

5. The following parallel importers have currently confirmed availability of Efudix® cream, however there may be other companies that can source.

Supplier	Contact details for pharmacies to place orders
Nupharm Ltd	Via wholesalers (Phoenix)
Drugs R Us	0208 423 3800
Chemilines Group	0208 799 7888 (or via multiple wholesalers)

6. The following specialist importers have currently confirmed availability of unlicensed fluorouracil 5% cream:
 - Alium Medical
 - Clinigen Group Plc
 - Target Healthcare Ltd
 - WEP Clinical
 - Mawdsleys
7. Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant health board guidance and local governance procedures. Please see the links below for further information:
 - [Prescribing unlicensed medicines](#), General Medical Council (GMC),
 - [The supply of unlicensed medicinal products](#), Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA),

- [Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials](#), Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS).

Enquiries

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