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Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Levomepromazine 25mg/1mL solution for injection

Priority: Level 2*
Valid until: w/c 24 February 2020

Issue

1. Levomepromazine (Nozinan®/Sanofi) 25mg/1mL solution for injection is out of stock.
2. The anticipated re-supply date is week commencing 24 February 2020.
3. Levomepromazine (Wockhardt) 25mg/1mL solution for injection is in stock.

Advice and Actions

4. Primary care: Community pharmacy teams should, in the event they cannot fulfil a prescription for Nozinan® 25mg-1mL, place orders for the Wockhardt product to meet patient demand until the Sanofi re-supply date.
5. Secondary care: pharmacy procurement colleagues and clinical teams should:
   - review stock holding of levomepromazine 25mg/1mL solution for injection and centralise stock in the pharmacy where appropriate;
   - reserve remaining stock for those patients for whom first line parenteral agents for terminal agitation and nausea and vomiting have proven ineffective;
   - use up local stock holding; and
   - only place orders for Wockhardt product if centralised stock is unlikely to cover forecast patient demand until week commencing 24 February.

Additional Information

6. Wockhardt product will be made available to primary and secondary care nationally, however to preserve stock and ensure there is no patient impact, hospitals are asked to only place orders when stock they already hold has been depleted. This applies regardless of contracted supplier.
7. Orders will be monitored by wholesalers.
8. Wockhardt is making stock available via selected branches of AAH, Alliance, Mawdsleys and Phoenix. This will vary across the country so please check with your local wholesalers.
9. UKMI have produced the following memo to support trusts during the shortage https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-levomepromazine-hydrochloride-25mg-ml-solution-for-injection/

Enquiries

10. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to PharmacyTeam@gov.scot (primary care) or NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.net (secondary care).

***https://nhsnss.org/media/3874/medicine-supply-alert-notices-definitions-of-classifications-21-october-2019.docx**