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Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (Thame Laboratories)

Priority: Level 2*
Valid until: March 2021

Issue

1. Haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (Thame Laboratories) is out of stock until March 2021.
2. Limited supplies remain available from Pinewood Healthcare however they are unable to support any uplift in demand.
3. Haloperidol (Haldol®) 2 mg/ml oral solution is the only licensed oral solution that can support an uplift in demand.
4. Haloperidol 500microgram, 1.5mg, 5mg and 10mg tablets remain available.
5. Specials manufacturers have confirmed they can manufacture haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free.

Advice and Actions

6. Where patients have insufficient supplies, clinicians should consider:
 - switching patients able to swallow solid dosage forms to haloperidol tablets, where appropriate (note there are no data on crushing tablets);
 - prescribing haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free as a special (see supporting information); or
 - prescribing haloperidol (Haldol®) 2 mg/ml oral solution, **ensuring patients are counselled on the change in strength and dose.**

Additional Information

7. The following specials manufacturers have confirmed they can supply unlicensed haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (please note, there may be other companies that can also manufacture this presentation):
 - Nova Laboratories
 - Quantum Pharmaceuticals
 - Rockshaw Laboratories
8. Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and/or 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

9. Please refer to the BNF and SPCs for further information on alternative preparations:

- [Haloperidol BNF](#)
- [Haloperidol BNFc](#)
- [Haloperidol SmPC](#)

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.scot (secondary care).