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## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Salofalk® (mesalazine) 500mg and 1g suppositories – update to MSAN (2019)12**

**Priority: Update to MSAN (2020)14**

**Valid until: End July 2020**

#### **Issue**

1. Salofalk® 1g suppositories are out of stock until **late July 2020**. Salofalk® 500mg suppositories are now back in stock.
2. Pentasa® (mesalazine) 1g suppositories remain available during this period.

#### **Advice and Actions**

3. In the absence of Salofalk® 1g suppositories the most practical short-term management option is to convert patients to Pentasa® 1g suppositories.
4. For patients being treated with the 1g strength, it is a straight forward conversion – the dose regimen is identical for both brands.

#### **Enquiries**

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