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## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Minims cyclopentolate hydrochloride 0.5% and 1%, eye drops solution**

**Priority: Update to MSAN (2019)30**

**Valid until: early April 2020**

#### **Issue**

1. Bausch and Lomb, sole supplier of Minims cyclopentolate hydrochloride 0.5% and 1% eye drops, are currently out of stock of the **1% strength** of this product due to manufacturing issues. Resupply is expected in **early April 2020. The 0.5% strength is back in stock.**
2. Preservative containing supplies of cyclopentolate hydrochloride 1% eye drops (Mydrilate) continue to remain available.

#### **Advice and Actions**

3. Assess local stock holding, if there is insufficient stock at local level to meet anticipated patient demand, discuss with local ophthalmology specialists and refer to the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOphth) guidance for advice about clinical management during this shortage period.
4. In line with the RCOphth guidance, consider:
  - reserving any remaining supplies for the use in cycloplegic refraction
  - the use of preservative containing cyclopentolate hydrochloride eye drops following discussion with local infection control team, and
  - using alternative dilating agents as per RCOphth guidance

#### **Additional information**

5. Intraparm Laboratories Ltd have supplies of the preservative containing cyclopentolate hydrochloride 1% (5ml) eye drops (Mydrilate) available to support this supply issue.
6. For further information about clinical management, please see the RCOphth guidance which can be accessed via: <https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/standards-publications-research/quality-and-safety/medicines-safety/drugs-shortages/>.

#### **Enquiries**

7. Any enquiries should be directed to [PharmacyTeam@gov.scot](mailto:PharmacyTeam@gov.scot) or [NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.net](mailto:NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.net)