



30 April 2020

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Proprantheline bromide (Pro-Banthine) 15mg tablets (Kyowa Kirin)

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: End May 2020

Issue

1. Proprantheline 15mg tablets are out of stock until the end of May 2020.
2. Unlicensed imports of proprantheline 15mg tablets are available.

Advice and Actions

3. Clinicians should review patients to determine the ongoing need for proprantheline tablets.
4. For patients with ongoing need and insufficient supplies to last until the resupply date, clinicians should consider prescribing unlicensed imports (see additional information below).
5. Where unlicensed imports are not considered appropriate, please see the UKMi advice below for alternative treatment options.

Additional Information

6. The following specialist importers have currently confirmed availability of unlicensed proprantheline 15mg tablets (please note, there may be other companies that can also source supplies):
 - Alium Medical
 - Mawdsleys
7. Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and NHS Trust 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
8. For patients in whom unlicensed imports are not considered suitable, advice from UK Medicines Information on alternative oral antimuscarinic agents is as follows (refer to local treatment guidelines for further information on treatment options):
 - Adult enuresis – refer to BNF and local formularies
 - Gastro-intestinal smooth muscle spasm – dicycloverine hydrochloride; hyoscine butylbromide
 - Hyperhidrosis – oxybutynin (off-label); glycopyrronium bromide (off-label).

Enquiries

6. 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).