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# **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

## Disopyramide 150mg capsules

Priority: Level 2\* Update to MSAN (2020)24

Valid until: Early May 2020

### Issue

- 1. Mylan, sole supplier of disopyramide 150mg capsules, has advised of a delay to their supply; with an anticipated resolution date is **early May 2020**.
- 2. Unlicensed imports remain available.

#### **Advice and Actions**

- 3. For patients without sufficient supplies of disopyramide 150mg capsules, prescribers may consider prescribing an unlicensed import (see additional information below).
- 4. If unlicensed imports are not considered suitable then patients should be referred to secondary care specialists for further management.

#### **Additional Information**

- 5. The following specialist importers have currently confirmed availability of unlicensed disopyramide 150mg capsules:
  - Alium Medical
  - Clinigen Group PLC
  - Mawdsleys
  - Waymade
- 6. Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant health board guidance and 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)
  - <u>Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials</u>, Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS)

### **Enquiries**

7. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to <a href="mailto:PharmacyTeam@gov.scot">PharmacyTeam@gov.scot</a> (primary care) or <a href="mailto:NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.net">NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.net</a> (secondary care).