

18 June 2020

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Tuberculosis (TB) oral agents**

**Priority: Level 2\* update to MSAN (2020)41**

**Valid until: Various**

#### **Issue**

1. Since August 2019 a number of oral TB agents have been impacted by supply issues.
2. Please see the table in the 'Additional Information' section for the latest stock positions, suggested management plans and anticipated dates for re-supply.

#### **Advice and Actions**

3. Pharmacy procurement, clinical teams (including prescribers, TB nurses and clinicians) and any outsourced partners should work together to ensure that:
  - stock holding of TB agents is reviewed regularly;
  - alternatives, as advised in the summary table below, are ordered for the products that are in short supply;
  - prescriptions are amended in cases where the usual/preferred product is unavailable so that treatment is not delayed or interrupted;
  - Boards do not implement management plans that are not in line with the advice given within this document as that may precipitate further out of stock periods;
  - patients are appropriately counselled about changes to their usual/expected medication; and
  - if products that have not been flagged as out of stock cannot be obtained by Boards, this is escalated to the NSS Procurement team.

#### **Additional Information**

4. Please note that the information outlined above is correct on day of publication but may be subject to change.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Current stock position</b>	<b>Anticipated re-supply date</b>	<b>Suggested management plan</b>
Rifampicin 150mg capsules	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
	DE Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
	Mylan	In stock		
Rifampicin 300mg capsules	Sanofi	<b>Low stock</b>	<b>Late July</b>	Purchase off contract or dispense 150mg capsules if required to ensure continuity of care for patients.
	Sandoz	Out of stock		
	Mylan	In stock		
	DE Pharmaceuticals	In stock		

	DrugsRUs	Out of stock		
Rifampicin 100mg/5ml syrup	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
Ethambutol 100mg tablets	Morningside	In stock		n/a
	Thornton & Ross	In stock		
	Kent	In stock		
	DE Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
	Intrapharm	In stock		
Ethambutol 400mg tablets	Kent	In stock		n/a
	Thornton & Ross	In stock		
	Intrapharm	In stock		
	Morningside	In stock		
Pyrazinamide 500mg tablets	Thornton & Ross	In stock		n/a
	Macleod's	In stock		
	Morningside	In stock		
Isoniazid 50mg tablets	RPH Pharmaceuticals	<b>Low stock</b>	<b>Late July 2020</b>	<b>Isoniazid 100mg tablets are available from Morningside and RPH:. SPS memo on halving 100mg tablets: <a href="https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/short-age-of-isoniazid-tablets-50mg/">https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/short-age-of-isoniazid-tablets-50mg/</a> Unlicensed specially manufactured liquid is available from Ennogen and Rosemont.</b>
Isoniazid 100mg tablets	Morningside	In stock		n/a
	RPH Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
Rifinah® 150 tablets (rifampicin 150mg/isoniazid 100mg)	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
Rifinah® 300 tablets (rifampicin 300mg/isoniazid 150mg)	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
	DrugsRUs	In stock		
Rifater® tablets (rifampicin 120mg/pyrazinamide 300mg/isoniazid 50mg)	Sanofi	<b>In stock</b>		n/a.
	DrugsRUs (Parallel Import)	In stock		
Voractiv® tablets	Thornton & Ross	In stock		n/a
Cycloserine 250mg capsules	King Pharmaceuticals	Out of stock	TBC	See MSAN (2020)42 [issued 18 May 2020].

## Enquiries

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