



5 August 2020

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Tuberculosis (TB) oral agents

Priority: Level 2* update to MSAN (2020)53

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.

Product	Supplier	Current stock position	Anticipated re-supply date	Suggested management plan
Rifampicin 150mg capsules	Sanofi	Low stock	September 2020	Purchase off contract if required to ensure continuity of care for patients.
	DE Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
	Mylan	In stock		
Rifampicin 300mg capsules	Sanofi	Out of stock	w/c 10/08/20	Purchase off contract or dispense 150mg capsules if required to ensure continuity of care for patients.
	Sandoz	Out of stock	September 2020	
	Mylan	Out of stock		

*<https://nhsns.org/media/3874/medicine-supply-alert-notices-definitions-of-classifications-21-october-2019.docx>

	DE Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
	DrugsRUs	In 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	In stock		n/a
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	In stock		n/a
	DrugsRUs (Parallel Import)	Out of stock		
Voractiv® tablets	Thornton & Ross	In stock		n/a
Cycloserine 250mg capsules	King Pharmaceuticals	In stock		n/a

Enquiries

5. 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).