



15 April 2021

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Chloral Hydrate 143.3mg in 5ml oral solution

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: September 2021

Issue

1. Chloral hydrate 143.3mg in 5ml oral solution is out of stock until September 2021.
2. Specials manufacturers have confirmed they can manufacture chloral hydrate 143.3mg in 5ml oral solution to meet demand of the licensed product.

Advice and Actions

3. Where patients have insufficient supplies, clinicians should:
 - review ongoing need for treatment;
 - prescribe 143.3mg in 5ml chloral hydrate solution as a special if ongoing treatment is deemed necessary (see Additional Information).

Additional Information

Guidance on ordering and prescribing specials and imports

4. The following specials manufacturers have confirmed they can manufacture chloral hydrate oral solution (please note, there may be other companies that can also manufacture this product):
 - Ascot labs - 143.3mg in 5ml oral solution
 - Alium Medical - 143.3mg in 5ml oral solution*
 - Target Healthcare - 143.3mg in 5ml oral solution*

** Please note these products are not batch manufactured and the supplier will only provide a certificate of conformity (CoC). Suppliers providing batch manufactured products will provide a certificate of analysis (CofA).*

5. Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and NHS Board or local governance procedures. Please see the links below for further information:
 - [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 (RPS),
 - [Prescribing unlicensed medicines](#), General Medical Council (GMC)

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.scot (secondary care).