



6 August 2021

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Dalacin® (clindamycin) 2% vaginal cream**

**Priority: Level 2\***

**Valid until: w/c 6th September 2021**

#### **Issue**

1. Dalacin® (clindamycin) 2% vaginal cream is out of stock until w/c 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
2. Alternative topical preparations are available (see Additional Information below).

#### **Advice and Actions**

3. Clinicians prescribing treatment should:
  - not initiate any new patients on Dalacin® 2% vaginal cream and
  - consider prescribing one of the following options:
    - Zidoval® (metronidazole) 0.75% w/w vaginal gel (see Additional Information below) or
    - Fluomizin® (dequalinium chloride) 10mg vaginal tablets (see Additional Information below).
  - Liaise with local Pharmacy teams to understand local stock availability of alternate products.

#### **Additional Information**

##### Clinical Information

| <b>Alternative product</b>                                            | <b>Directions for bacterial vaginosis</b>                                                     | <b>Stock Availability</b>               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Zidoval®<br/>(metronidazole)<br/>0.75% w/w vaginal gel</b>         | one application [5g] inserted into the vagina once daily, at bedtime, for 5 consecutive days. | Can support a full uplift in demand.    |
| <b>Fluomizin®<br/>(dequalinium chloride)<br/>10mg vaginal tablets</b> | one vaginal tablet daily, at bedtime, for 6 days.                                             | Can support a partial uplift in demand. |

4. Please refer to local formulary and guidelines for management of bacterial vaginosis which also cover systemic therapies. CKS guidance is also available: <https://cks.nice.org.uk/bacterial-vaginosis>.
5. Please refer to the SPCs for further information on all preparations:
  - [Dalacin® 2% Cream](#)
  - [Fluomizin® 10 mg vaginal tablets](#)

- [Zidovall® 0.75% vaginal gel](#)

### **Enquiries**

6. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to [PharmacyTeam@gov.scot](mailto:PharmacyTeam@gov.scot) (primary care) or [NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot](mailto:NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot) (secondary care).