



29 September 2023

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

**Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 1.4mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices**  
**Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 1.6mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices**  
**Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 1.8mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices**

**Priority: Level 2\***  
**Valid until: w/c 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

### **Issue**

1. Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 1.4mg, 1.6mg and 1.8mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable (single dose) devices will be in limited supply until w/c 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
2. The following somatropin preparations remain available and will be able to support increased demand:
  - Somatropin (Genotropin® GoQuick) 12mg powder and solvent for solution for injection prefilled, multi-dose pens
  - Somatropin (Genotropin®) 12mg powder and solvent for solution for injection multi-dose cartridges
  - Somatropin (Genotropin® MiniQuick) 1.2mg and 2mg powder and solvent for solution for injection pre-filled disposable (single dose) devices

### **Advice and Actions**

3. **Secondary care pharmacy teams should work with clinical specialists and their local pharmacy homecare leads to:**
  - ensure that new patients are not initiated on Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.4mg, 1.6mg and 1.8mg devices until resupply;
  - review all patients, including those under shared care arrangements, prescribed Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.4mg, 1.6mg and 1.8mg devices, and determine:
    - which patients need to remain on these devices (e.g. visual impairment or have no refrigerator). Remaining stock of Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.4mg, 1.6mg and 1.8mg devices is to be reserved for patients who cannot be switched. Please note, to obtain remaining stock contact Pfizer Customer Service Team: 0800 0327907
    - issue a new prescription for:

- Genotropin® 12mg cartridges (0.2mg dose increments) to be used with a re-usable injection device (Genotropin Pen) to deliver doses of 1.4mg, 1.6mg or 1.8mg in patients able to manage the change in device; or
  - Genotropin® GoQuick 12mg reusable multi-dose pens (delivers dose increments of 0.15mg) for patients on 1.8mg dose who are able to use the pen;
  - Genotropin® Miniquick 1.2mg or 2mg device for those patients still being dose titrated and being considered for a change to these doses delivered by the Miniquick device.
- ensure that patients switched from the single use MiniQuick injection devices to Genotropin® 12mg cartridges and Genotropin® GoQuick 12mg pens are aware these are multi-dose devices and need to be stored in a refrigerator;
  - ensure all new prescriptions are sent to their current homecare service provider; and
  - communicate with home care providers if nurse led injection training is required on use of new device.
4. **GP surgeries who prescribe Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.4mg, 1.6mg and 1.8mg devices should:**
- proactively identify all patients on these products and refer them to their specialist for review and a switch to an appropriate alternative as above.
5. **Homecare providers should:**
- ensure that once a new prescription for Genotropin® 12mg cartridges, Genotropin® GoQuick 12mg pens or Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.2mg or 2mg device is received, the patient's existing Genotropin® MiniQuick 1.4mg, 1.6mg or 1.8mg device prescription is immediately cancelled;
  - call patients to inform them of the change to their prescription while arranging delivery and offer nursing support on how to use the new device; and
  - work with the prescriber and the Board homecare lead to ensure nurse led training or, if available, administration support is offered where requested.

## **Additional Information**

[See links for further information](#)

- [SmPC Genotropin® MiniQuick](#)
- [SmPC Genotropin® 12mg powder and solvent](#)
- [BNF Somatropin](#)

## **Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website**

6. The UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in conjunction with SPS have launched an online Medicines Supply Tool, which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues.
7. To access the online Medicines Supply Tool you need to register with the [SPS website](#). Registration for access to the website is available to UK healthcare professionals and organisations providing NHS healthcare. The tool is located under the Tools tab and then click on the Medicines Supply option.

8. We encourage prescribers, pharmacy professionals, and pharmacy procurement leads in Scotland to register with the SPS website and use its Medicine Supply Tool in order to stay up to date concerning medicines supply disruptions.
9. Please be aware that while medicines supply issues will appear on the SPS website, some of the recommended actions may not always be appropriate / relevant within the Scottish context.

### **Enquiries**

10. 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).