



30 May 2024

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Memantine (Valios®) 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets sugar free**

**Priority: Level 2\***

**Valid until: late August 2024**

#### **Issue**

1. Valios® 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets are out of stock until late August 2024.
2. Valios® 5mg orodispersible tablets remain available and can support a partial increase in demand.
3. Memantine 10mg/ml oral solution and Ebixa® 5mg pump oral solution remain available and can support an increase in demand.

#### **Advice and Actions**

4. Clinicians should:
  - not initiate new patients on Valios® 10mg and 20mg orodispersible tablets until the supply issue resolves;
  - consider prescribing memantine 10mg/ml oral solution or Ebixa® 5mg pump oral solution ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients and is counselled on the appropriate dose and volume required (see supporting information below);
  - where alternative formulations are not suitable, consider prescribing Valios® 5mg orodispersible tablets to make up the dose, which can support a partial increase in demand; and
  - if the above options are not considered appropriate, advice should be sought from specialists on alternative management options.
5. Patients and carers should be counselled on any change of formulation and how to administer the dose.

#### **Additional Information**

##### **Clinical Information**

6. Memantine orodispersible tablets are licensed for the treatment of moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease in adults. Other formulations of memantine are licensed for the same indication.

\*<https://www.nss.nhs.scot/media/1842/medicine-supply-alert-notices-definitions-of-classifications-21-october-2019.pdf>

7. Memantine oral solution is a suitable alternative to orodispersible tablets, and the same dose can be used.

#### Links to further information

- [SmPC Valios orodispersible tablets](#)
- [SmPC memantine 10mg/ml oral solution](#)
- [SmPC Ebixa 5mg pump oral solution](#)
- [BNF memantine](#)

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

8. 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. 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.
9. We encourage prescribers, pharmacy professionals, and pharmacy procurement leads in Scotland to register with the SPS website and use its Medicine Supply Tool to stay up to date concerning medicines supply disruptions. 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).