



30 October 2024

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Rifampicin and Isoniazid (Rifinah®) 300mg/150mg tablets**

**Priority: Level 2\***

**Valid until: mid-November 2024**

#### **Issue**

1. Sanofi are out of stock of Rifinah® 300mg/150mg tablets. Resupply is expected in mid-November 2024.
2. Rifinah® 150mg/100mg tablets remain available but are unable to support any increase in demand.
3. Rifampicin 300mg capsules and isoniazid 100mg tablets remain available and can support a full uplift in demand.
4. Isoniazid 50mg tablets remain available and can support a partial uplift in demand.

#### **Advice and Actions**

5. Health Board pharmacy procurement leads, secondary care clinical teams, GP practice teams, community pharmacy teams, and any other providers should work together to:
  - review current stock holdings of Rifinah® 300mg/150mg tablets;
  - consider limiting prescribing Rifinah® 300mg/150mg tablets to a maximum of one month's supply to ensure supplies last as long as possible;
  - order rifampicin 300mg capsules and isoniazid 50mg and 100mg tablets where additional supplies are needed before the resupply date; and
  - ensure patients are appropriately counselled about any changes to their medicines.

#### **Additional Information**

##### Links to further information:

- [SPC Rifinah preparations](#)
- [SPC Rifampicin preparations](#)
- [SPC Isoniazid preparations](#)

#### **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

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

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.

7. 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**

8. 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).