



11 April 2025

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Diltiazem (Angitol® SR) 90 mg modified-release capsules

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: w/c 28 April 2025

Issue

1. Diltiazem (Angitol® SR) 90 mg modified-release capsules are out of stock until w/c 28 April 2025.
2. Diltiazem (Tildiem Retard®) 90 mg prolonged-release tablets remain available and can support increased demand.
3. Diltiazem (Adizem-SR®) 90 mg modified-release capsules remain available but cannot support an increased demand.

Advice and Actions

4. Where a person has insufficient supplies to last until the resupply date, prescribers should:
 - consider prescribing Tildiem Retard® 90 mg prolonged-release tablets, ensuring no intolerance to excipients, and the person is counselled on the appropriate dose (see additional information section below); and
 - for people prescribed diltiazem for angina, advise them to report worsening of symptoms including increased need for glyceryl trinitrate (GTN) and side effects; and
 - for people prescribed diltiazem for hypertension and where there are concerns about the stability of their blood pressure, re-check blood pressure within a month after changing brands.

Additional Information

Clinical Information

5. Tildiem Retard® 90 mg prolonged-release tablets are licensed for the management of angina pectoris and mild to moderate hypertension.
6. [The BNF states that](#) 'different versions of modified-release preparations containing more than 60 mg diltiazem hydrochloride may not have the same clinical effect. To avoid confusion between these different formulations of diltiazem, prescribers should specify the brand to be dispensed'.

Links to further information

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

- [SmPC Angitil SR Capsules](#)
- [SmPC Tildiem Retard 90mg Prolonged-Release Tablets](#)
- [BNF Diltiazem hydrochloride](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

7. The UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in conjunction with Specialist Pharmacy Service (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.
8. 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

9. 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).