



27 October 2025

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Dalivit® Oral Drops

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: TBC - Please refer to medicines supply tool on the Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website for updates on the anticipated resupply date (registration required)

Issue

1. Dalivit® Oral Drops are out of stock until further notice.
2. Abidec® Multivitamin Drops remain available and can support increased demand.

Advice and Actions

3. Clinicians should:
 - review existing patients to determine if Dalivit® Oral Drops are still required;
 - consider prescribing Abidec® Multivitamin Drops for young children where appropriate, ensuring that they are not intolerant to any of the excipients, including arachis oil (peanut oil), which should not be taken by patients with peanut or soya allergy, and counsel parent(s)/carers on the appropriate dose and volume required; and
 - if Abidec® drops are not suitable, refer to [NPPG table](#) or local formulary to guide selection of an alternative liquid supplement for use in the paediatric population.

Additional Information

Clinical Information

4. Dalivit® Oral Drops and Abidec® Multivitamin Drops are indicated for the prevention of vitamin deficiencies and for the maintenance of normal growth and health during the early years of infancy and childhood.

Table 1: Comparison of Abidec® Multivitamin Drops and Dalivit® Drops

	Abidec® Multivitamin Drops	Dalivit® Oral Drops
Licensed age range	Children (from 0 to 12 years of age)	Children (from 6 weeks of age) and adults

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

Dose		Children (under 1 year): 0.3ml daily Children (1 to 12 years): 0.6ml daily Adults and children over 12 years: Not appropriate	Infants (6 weeks to 1 year): 0.3ml daily Older children, adults and elderly: 0.6ml daily or as directed by the physician
Vitamins per 0.6mL	Vit A	1333 units vitamin A palmitate	5000 units vitamin A palmitate
	Vit B (group)	0.4mg thiamine hydrochloride 0.8mg riboflavin 0.8mg pyridoxine hydrochloride 8mg nicotinamide	1mg thiamine hydrochloride 0.4mg riboflavin 0.5mg pyridoxine hydrochloride 5mg nicotinamide
	Vit C	40mg ascorbic acid	50mg ascorbic acid
	Vit D	400 units ergocalciferol	400 units ergocalciferol
Excipients		Sodium hydroxide Sugar (mineral water grade) Refined peanut oil DL- α -tocopherol Polysorbate 60 Purified water	Sucrose Polysorbate 80 Sodium hydroxide Sodium methyl hydroxybenzoate (E219) Deionized water
Cautions		Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrase-isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine. <u>Contains arachis oil (peanut oil) and should not be taken by patients with peanut or soya allergy.</u>	Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrase-isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine. Contains sodium methylhydroxybenzoate (E219). May cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed).

Links to further information

- [SmPC Abidec Multivitamin Drops](#)
- [SmPC Dalivit Oral Drops](#)
- [SPS – Understanding Complementary Medicines](#)
- [NPPG Newsletter Spring 2021- Differences between Abidec products](#)
- [The routine supplementation of vitamins and iron in the management of zinc deficiency in preterm and small for gestational age infants](#)
- [NPPG Table of Liquid Vitamin and Iron Supplements in Neonates and Children](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

5. The UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in conjunction with the 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.

6. 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

7. 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).