



24 December 2025

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Nifedipine (Adipine® XL) 30mg and 60mg modified-release tablets**

**Priority: Level 2\***

**Valid until: end of January 2026**

#### **Issue**

1. Nifedipine (Adipine® XL) 30mg and 60mg modified-release tablets are out of stock until the end of January 2026.
2. Alternative brands of nifedipine 30mg and 60mg modified-release tablets remain available, but only some can support increased demand, including Adanif® XL 30mg and 60mg modified-release tablets and Neozipine® XL 30mg modified-release tablets.
3. Nifedipine (Coracten® XL) 30mg and 60mg modified-release capsules remain available and can support increased demand.
4. UK-wide Serious Shortage Protocols (SSP) for Adipine® XL 30mg and 60mg tablets were issued on 19/12/2025. Please refer to [PCA\(P\)\(2025\)27](#) and [PCA\(P\)\(2025\)28](#) for further information.

#### **Advice and Actions**

5. Prescribers should not initiate new patients on Adipine® XL 30mg and 60mg tablets until the supply issues have resolved.
6. Where existing patients have insufficient supplies of Adipine® XL 30mg or 60mg tablets to last until the resupply date, prescribers should:
  - consider prescribing alternative brands of nifedipine 30mg and 60mg modified-release tablets (that can support increased demand) at the equivalent dose (see Additional information section), advising patients of the change in brand; or
  - consider prescribing Coracten® XL 30mg or 60mg capsules (see Additional information section), ensuring that the gelatin content is acceptable to patients, there is no intolerance to any of the excipients, and patients are counselled on the change in brand and formulation (and number of capsules per dose if applicable).
7. When switching between brands, patients may require closer monitoring initially to ensure blood pressure/angina symptoms remain controlled, and they should be advised to report any adverse effects.
8. Community pharmacists and dispensing doctors should:
  - where a prescription for Adipine® XL 30mg tablets or Adipine® XL 60mg tablets is presented and cannot be fulfilled, supply an alternative preparation in accordance with [SSP 084](#) and [SSP 085](#) for eligible patients;

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

- ensure patients are counselled on the change in brand and/or formulation; and
- if the patient is deemed ineligible or does not consent to receive an alternative product via the SSP, they should be promptly referred back to the prescriber.

## Additional Information

- Adipine® XL 30mg and 60mg tablets and Coracten® XL 30mg and 60mg capsules are once daily modified release nifedipine preparations, licensed for the treatment of hypertension and the prophylaxis of chronic stable angina pectoris. The capsule formulation may not be acceptable to some patients on cultural or religious grounds due to its gelatin content.
- The BNF highlights that different versions of modified-release nifedipine preparations may not have the same clinical effect. To avoid confusion between these different formulations, prescribers should normally specify the brand to be dispensed.

## Supply information

Table 1: Availability of nifedipine modified-release tablets/capsules

Nifedipine modified-release tablets/capsules that can support increased demand during the shortage of Adipine® XL 30mg tablets	Nifedipine modified-release tablets/capsules that can support increased demand during the shortage of Adipine® XL 60mg tablets	Nifedipine modified-release tablets/capsules that <u>cannot</u> support increased demand
Adanif® XL 30mg tablets Neozipine® XL 30mg tablets Coracten® XL 30mg capsules	Adanif® XL 60mg tablets Coracten® XL 60mg capsules Coracten® XL 30mg capsules (to be made up to the required dose)	Adalat® LA 30mg tablets Neozipine® XL 60mg tablets

## Links to further information

- [BNF Nifedipine](#)
- [SmPC Adanif® XL](#)
- [SmPC Adipine® XL](#)
- [SmPC Coracten® XL](#)
- [SmPC Neozipine® XL 30mg tablets](#)
- [Serious shortage protocols \(SSPs\) | NHSBSA](#)

## Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

- 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.

12. Prescribers, pharmacy professionals, and pharmacy procurement leads in Scotland are encouraged 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**

13. 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).