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Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Sulfadiazine silver (Flamazine®) 1% cream

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: noted products are being discontinued

Issue

1. Sulfadiazine silver (Flamazine®) 1% cream (250g) was discontinued in late December 2025, stock has been exhausted.
2. Sulfadiazine silver (Flamazine®) 1% cream (50g) was discontinued in late January 2026, stocks are expected to be exhausted in February 2026.
3. Sulfadiazine silver (Flamazine®) 1% cream (20g and 500g) are being discontinued from late June 2026, although stocks are expected to exhaust before this date.
4. Alternative products for the treatment of burns and wound care remain available and can support increased demand (see additional information section).
5. Unlicensed imported supplies of sulfadiazine silver 1% cream have been sourced (lead times vary) and will be available while stocks in alternative markets permit; availability cannot be guaranteed long-term due to the global discontinuation (see additional information section).

Advice and Actions

6. Clinicians should prioritise any remaining supplies for use in patients with burns.
7. For other indications or where Flamazine® 1% cream is unavailable, clinicians should:
 - consider prescribing an alternative product such as Flaminal® gels, UrgoClean® dressing, UrgoTul® dressing, Acticoat® dressings or Prontosan® gels where appropriate, taking into account the ease of use, patient preference and tolerability (see additional information section); or
 - consider prescribing unlicensed sulfadiazine silver 1% cream, only where licensed alternatives are not appropriate and where stock is available. Prescribers should work with local pharmacy teams to ensure orders are placed within appropriate time frames as lead times may vary (see additional information section); or
 - if the above options are not considered appropriate, advice should be sought from burns or tissue viability specialists on management options.

Additional Information

Clinical Information

8. Flamazine® cream contains silver sulfadiazine, a bacteriostatic and bactericidal agent. It is licensed for the prophylaxis and treatment of infection in burn wounds. It may also be used as an aid to the short-term treatment of infection in leg ulcers and pressure sores, and as an aid to the prophylaxis of infection in skin graft donor sites and extensive abrasions. It is also licensed for the conservative management of finger-tip injuries where pulp, nail loss and/or partial loss of the distal phalanx has occurred. Tubes should be discarded 7 days after opening and the 250g and 500g pots 24 hours after opening. The contents of one container are for the treatment of one person.

Table 1: Examples of antimicrobial wound care products*

Product	Product Classification	Constituents	Uses
Flaminal® Hydro Flaminal® Forte	Medical device	Debriding gel, absorbent alginate and antimicrobial enzyme system	Acute and chronic wounds, or wounds at risk of infection: Flaminal® Hydro for slightly to moderately exuding wounds Flaminal® Forte for wounds with moderate to high amounts of wound exudate
UrgoClean® Ag dressing UrgoTul® Ag/Silver dressing		Hydro-desloughing pad coated with silver-impregnated microadherent healing matrix Non-adherent conformable contact layer dressing with silver impregnated micro-adherent healing matrix	Burns Traumatic wounds Surgical wounds Leg, diabetic foot and pressure ulcers
Acticoat® antimicrobial barrier dressing		Silver coated anti-microbial barrier dressing	Partial and full thickness wounds including pressure, venous and diabetic ulcers, surgical wounds, first and second-degree burns, graft and dermal substitutes recipient sites
Prontosan® Wound Gel Prontosan® Wound Gel X (highly viscous)		Antimicrobial polyhexanide (0.1% polyaminopropyl biguanide) and a betaine surfactant	Cleansing, moistening and decontamination of wounds and burns including: Acute, traumatic and postoperative (infected/noninfected) wounds Chronic (infected/non-infected) wounds Burn injuries: I, IIa, IIb and III degree Fistulas and abscesses

*List is not exhaustive; represents suggestions from tissue viability and burns practitioners

Links to further information

- [SmPC: Flamazine 1% cream](#)
- [BNF: Sulfadiazine silver](#)
- [Product Information: Flaminal Hydro/Forte](#)
- [Product Information: UrgoClean Ag](#)

- [Product Information: UrgoTul Ag/Silver](#)
- [Product Information: Acticoat antimicrobial barrier dressing](#)
- [Product Information: Prontosan Wound Gel](#)
- [Product Information: Prontosan Wound Gel X](#)

Guidance on ordering and prescribing unlicensed imports

9. The following specialist importers have confirmed they can source unlicensed products (please note there may be other companies that can also source supplies of silver sulfadiazine 1% cream):
 - Alium Medical - silver sulfadiazine 1% cream (Silver Sulfadiaz[®])/(Flamazine[®])
 - Mawdsley's - silver sulfadiazine 1% cream
 - Tanner Pharma Group - silver sulfadiazine 1% cream (Ascend[®])/(Flamazine[®])
10. Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and Health Board governance procedures. Unlicensed imports do not undergo any central quality assessment or suitability evaluation. Therefore, any import must be locally assessed in line with local unlicensed medicines processes. Please see the links below for further information:
 - [The supply of unlicensed medicinal products](#), Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
 - [Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials](#), Royal Pharmaceutical Society
 - [Prescribing unlicensed medicines](#), General Medical Council (GMC)

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

11. 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 (primary care) or NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot (secondary care).