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Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Trurapi® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled Solostar pens

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: mid-June 2026

Issue

1. Trurapi® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled Solostar pens are in limited supply until late May 2026, followed by an out of stock period until mid-June 2026.
2. Trurapi® 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml cartridges remain available and can support increased demand. These are compatible with the AllStar® PRO and JuniorSTAR® pens, which can also support increased demand.
3. NovoRapid® FlexPen® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens remain available and can support increased demand.
4. Fiasp® (insulin aspart) products remain available **but are not interchangeable** with Trurapi® due to differences in bioavailability.

Advice and Actions

5. Clinicians should:
 - not initiate any new patients on Trurapi® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled Solostar pens until the shortage has resolved;
 - review existing patients currently prescribed Trurapi® Solostar pens and where they have insufficient supplies to last until the re-supply date, consider prescribing the following alternatives until the shortage resolves:
 - Trurapi® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml cartridges with AllStar® PRO or JuniorSTAR® pens, (see Additional information section) and where this is not appropriate;
 - NovoRapid® Flexpen® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml pre-filled pen.
6. When prescribing alternatives:
 - consider local prescribing policies/formularies, manual dexterity, vision, and whether additional support is required for administration;
 - ensure that all patients are informed of the reason for the switch, and that they are receiving the same type of insulin but initially they may need to check their blood glucose levels more closely to ensure control;

- provide patients with training on the use of their new device, including signposting to training videos (see Links section); and
 - provide patients with the appropriate delivery device, needles and a sharps bin.
7. If the above options are not considered suitable; seek advice from specialist diabetes teams on management options.

Additional Information

Clinical Information

8. **Trurapi**[®] is a biosimilar of **NovoRapid**[®], licensed for treatment of diabetes mellitus in adults, adolescents and children aged 1 year and above.
9. Trurapi[®] cartridges are intended for use in the following designated reusable pens which can be prescribed on an GP10:
- AllStar[®] PRO delivers 1 to 80 units in 1-unit dose increments
 - JuniorSTAR[®] delivers 1 to 30 units in 0.5-unit dose increments
10. **Fiasp**[®] is another insulin aspart formulation, **but it is not interchangeable** with Trurapi[®] and NovoRapid[®] due to differences in bioavailability.

Links to further information

- [BNF- insulin aspart](#)
- [SmPC – Trurapi[®] Solostar[®] 100units/ml solution for injection in pre-filled pen](#)
- [SmPC – Trurapi[®] 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml cartridge](#)
- [SmPC – NovoRapid[®] FlexPen[®] 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pen](#)
- [Novo Nordisk[®] injection devices and needles](#)
- [Novo Nordisk[®] FlexPen[®] webpage](#)
- [Patient booklet for AllStar[®] PRO pen for Trurapi[®]](#)
- [Patient booklet for JuniorSTAR[®] pen for Trurapi[®]](#)
- [SPS: Safety considerations when switching insulin products](#)

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).