



4 September 2026

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Methylprednisolone (Medrone®) 100mg tablets

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: w/c 5 October 2026

Issue

1. Methylprednisolone (Medrone®) 100mg tablets are out of stock until w/c 5 October 2026.
2. Methylprednisolone 500mg and 1000mg powder for solution for injections remain available and can support increased demand.
3. Unlicensed imports of methylprednisolone 100mg tablets have been sourced, lead times vary.

Advice and Actions

4. Specialists should:
 - consider prescribing methylprednisolone 500mg or 1000mg powder for solution for injection if suitable, ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients. This will have service implications for secondary care; and
 - where the injection is not appropriate, consider prescribing unlicensed methylprednisolone 100mg tablets. Prescribers should work with pharmacy teams to ensure orders are placed within appropriate time frames as lead times may vary (see Additional information section below).
5. Prescribers in primary care treating patients affected by the shortage should contact the secondary care specialist team to discuss the management plan. The team can prescribe unlicensed methylprednisolone 100mg tablets for patients having difficulty accessing this in primary care.

Additional Information

Clinical Information

6. Methylprednisolone is a potent corticosteroid. It is indicated for conditions requiring glucocorticoid activity. This includes treatment of relapse in multiple sclerosis where a 500mg tablet is administered once daily for 5 days, or a 1g intravenous infusion is administered once daily for 3–5 days.

Links to further information

- [Methylprednisolone \(Medrone®\) 100mg tablets](#)
- [Methylprednisolone 500mg Powder for Solution for Injection](#)
- [Methylprednisolone 1000mg Powder for Solution for Injection](#)

Guidance on ordering and prescribing unlicensed imports

7. The following specialist importers have confirmed they can source unlicensed methylprednisolone 100mg tablets (please note there may be other companies that can also source supplies):
 - Alium Medical
 - Arcadia Medical
 - Genetech
 - Mawdsley's unlicensed
 - Smartway Pharma
 - Tanner Pharma
 - Uniphar
8. Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and Health Board 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.
9. 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 College of Pharmacy
 - [Prescribing unlicensed medicines](#), General Medical Council (GMC).

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

10. 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.
11. 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

12. 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).