



UPDATE:

Update to communications issued 30 September, 18 November, 19 December 2019, 23 January, 10 February, 23 March, 14 May and 18 June 2020.

Medicine Supply Notification

Tuberculosis (TB) oral agents

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 4 August 2020

Summary

- Since August 2019 a number of oral TB agents have been impacted by supply issues.
- Please see the table in the 'Supporting Information' section for the latest stock positions, suggested management plans and anticipated dates for re-supply.

Actions Required

Pharmacy procurement, clinical teams (including prescribers, TB nurses and clinicians) and any outsourced partners should work together to ensure that:

- stock holding of TB agents is reviewed regularly;
- alternatives, as advised in the summary table, are ordered for the products that are in short supply;
- prescriptions are amended in cases where the usual/preferred product is unavailable so that treatment is not delayed or interrupted;
- Trusts do not implement management plans that are not in line with the advice given within this document as that may precipitate further out of stock periods;
- patients are appropriately counselled about changes to their usual/expected medication; and
- if products that have not been flagged as out of stock cannot be obtained, this is escalated to your Regional Pharmacy Procurement Specialist (see below for contact details).

Supporting Information

Product	Supplier	Current stock position	Anticipated re-supply date	Suggested management plan
Rifampicin 150mg capsules	Sanofi	Low stock	September 2020	Purchase off contract if required to ensure continuity of care for patients.
	DE Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
	Mylan	In stock		
Rifampicin 300mg capsules	Sanofi	Out of stock	w/c 10/08/20	Purchase off contract or dispense 150mg capsules if required to ensure continuity of care for patients.
	Sandoz	Out of stock	September 2020	
	Mylan	Out of stock		
	DE Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
	DrugsRUs	In stock		
Rifampicin 100mg/5ml syrup	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
Ethambutol 100mg tablets	Morningside	In stock		n/a
	Thornton & Ross	In stock		
	Kent	In stock		
	DE Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
	Intrapharm	In stock		
Ethambutol 400mg tablets	Kent	In stock		n/a
	Thornton & Ross	In stock		
	Intrapharm	In stock		
	Morningside	In stock		
Pyrazinamide 500mg tablets	Thornton & Ross	In stock		n/a
	Macleod's	In stock		
	Morningside	In stock		
Isoniazid 50mg tablets	RPH Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
Isoniazid 100mg tablets	Morningside	In stock		n/a
	RPH Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
Rifinah® 150 tablets (rifampicin 150mg/isoniazid 100mg)	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
Rifinah® 300 tablets (rifampicin 300mg/isoniazid 150mg)	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
	DrugsRUs	In stock		

Rifater® tablets (rifampicin 120mg/pyrazinamide 300mg/isoniazid 50mg)	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
	DrugsRUs (Parallel Import)	Out of stock		
Voractiv® tablets	Thornton & Ross	In stock		
Cycloserine 250mg capsules	King Pharmaceuti cals	In stock		

Please note that the information outlined above is correct on day of publication but may be subject to change.

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