



Medicine Supply Notification

Reference: MSN/2020/060

Haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (Thame Laboratories)

Tier 2- medium impact*

Date of issue: 28/10/2020

Summary

- Haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (Thame Laboratories) is out of stock until March 2021.
- Limited supplies remain available from Pinewood Healthcare however they are unable to support any uplift in demand.
- Haloperidol (Haldol®) 2 mg/ml oral solution is the only licensed oral solution that can support an uplift in demand.
- Haloperidol 500microgram, 1.5mg, 5mg and 10mg tablets remain available.
- Specials manufacturers have confirmed they can manufacture haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free.

Actions Required

Where patients have insufficient supplies, clinicians should consider:

- switching patients able to swallow solid dosage forms to haloperidol tablets, where appropriate (note there are no data on crushing tablets);
- prescribing haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free as a special (see supporting information); or
- prescribing haloperidol (Haldol®) 2 mg/ml oral solution, **ensuring patients are counselled on the change in strength and dose.**

Supporting Information

- The following specials manufacturers have confirmed they can supply unlicensed haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (please note, there may be other companies that can also manufacture this presentation):
 - Nova Laboratories
 - Quantum Pharmaceuticals
 - Rockshaw Laboratories
- Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and/or local governance procedures. Please see the links below for further information.
 - [Prescribing unlicensed medicines](#), General Medical Council (GMC),
 - [The supply of unlicensed medicinal products](#), Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>

- [Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials](#), Royal Pharmaceutical Society
- When prescribing a product that is not licensed in the UK due to a supply issue with the licensed alternative, prescribers must indicate on the FP10 prescription that an unlicensed product is required. This can be done in one of the following two ways:
 - Electronic prescriptions – if the required unlicensed product is shown on electronic prescribing systems, GPs should select:
 - haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (special order)
 - Paper prescriptions – where the unlicensed product is not shown on electronic prescribing systems, GPs should use a paper prescription and annotate with the following wording: “special order”.

Please refer to the BNF and SPCs for further information on alternative preparations:

- [Haloperidol BNF](#)
- [Haloperidol BNFc](#)
- [Haloperidol SmPC](#)

Enquiries

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