



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2020/057

Fluoxetine 30mg capsules (Advanz)

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 21/10/2020

Summary

- Advanz, sole supplier, are out of stock of fluoxetine 30mg capsules with resupply expected mid-December 2020.
- Fluoxetine 10mg and 20mg capsules remain available.
- A Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) was issued on 20/10/2020.

Actions Required

- For patients with insufficient supplies, community pharmacists may supply fluoxetine 10mg and 20mg capsules against the SSP for eligible patients.
- If the above option is not deemed appropriate, clinicians should consider prescribing an alternative formulation of fluoxetine.

Supporting Information

- Please see the link below for further information on the fluoxetine 30mg capsule SSP: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps>
- Patient reassurance may be needed due to differences in packaging of each formulation.

Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk

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