



Medicine Supply Notification

Reference: MSN/2019/004

Melphalan 2mg tablets

Tier 2 - medium impact

Date of issue: 1 November 2019

Summary

- Aspen, sole supplier of melphalan 2mg tablets, will be out of stock from 13 November 2019 due to site capacity constraints.
- Anticipated resolution date: 25/01/2020
- Unlicensed imports are available.

Actions Required

- Assess local stock holding.
- If there is insufficient stock holding at Trust level to meet anticipated patient demand, consider placing orders with specialist importers for unlicensed products now.
- Where possible, consider stock sharing between Trusts.

Supporting Information

- The following specialist importers have currently confirmed availability of unlicensed melphalan 2mg tablets and further information will be shared with regional procurement leads.
 - Clinigen
 - Mawdsleys
- Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and NHS Trust 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)
 - [Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials](#), Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS)

Enquiries

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