



# Medicine Supply Notification

Midazolam (5mg/ml) 50mg in 10ml solution for injection ampoules

Tier 2 – medium impact\*

Date of issue: 5/12/2019

## Summary

- Hameln and Accord have both reported a supply issue with midazolam (5mg/ml) 50mg in 10ml ampoules.
- This will affect the whole of the UK.
- Anticipated resolution date: 31 January 2020.

## Actions Required

**Trust pharmacy procurement teams and the local Medication Safety Officer (MSO) should:**

- review remaining stock holding of midazolam (5mg/ml) 50mg in 10ml ampoules;
- order midazolam (5mg/ml) 10mg in 2ml ampoules from Hameln and Accord;
- review local protocols, ensure that all those affected are aware of this issue and that consideration is given to mitigating the risks associated with switching to a different volume of midazolam (5mg/ml) ampoule presentation.

## Supporting Information

We acknowledge this is a high-risk supply issue as per the Rapid Response Report published in 2008 regarding reducing the risk of overdose with midazolam injection in adults and the associated Never Event. The Rapid Response Report and Never Event framework can be found at the following links: [SPS website](#) & [Never Event framework](#). This supply issue has also been cascaded to the MSO network, who should lead the risk management and patient safety implications of this supply issue.

Hameln and Accord have confirmed they have sufficient midazolam (5mg/ml) 2ml ampoules to support full forecast demand of the 10ml ampoules.

## Enquiries

Enquiries from NHS Trusts in England should in the first instance be directed to your Regional Procurement Lead and national teams if required.

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