



Medicine Supply Notification

Reference: MSN/2019/013

Fluorouracil 5% (Efudix®) cream

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 22/11/2019

Summary

- Fluorouracil 5% (Efudix®) cream will be out of stock from w/c 25 November until w/c 16 December 2019 due to manufacturing issues.
- Limited supplies of parallel imports and unlicensed imports are available.

Actions Required

- Pharmacies should order parallel imports via their usual wholesaler routes, or by contacting suppliers directly (see supporting information below).
- For patients without sufficient supplies of Efudix® cream (including parallel imports), prescribers should consider prescribing an unlicensed import (see supporting information below).

Supporting Information

- The following parallel importers have currently confirmed availability of Efudix® cream, however there may be other companies that can source.

Supplier	Contact details for pharmacies to place orders
Nupharm Ltd	Via wholesalers (Phoenix)
Drugs R Us	0208 423 3800
Chemilines Group	0208 799 7888 (or via multiple wholesalers)

- The following specialist importers have currently confirmed availability of unlicensed fluorouracil 5% cream:
 - Alium Medical
 - Clinigen Group Plc
 - Target Healthcare Ltd
 - WEP Clinical
 - 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
- When prescribing a product that is not licensed in the UK prescribers must indicate on the FP10 prescription that an unlicensed product is required. This can be done by annotating the prescription with the following wording: “**special order**”.

Enquiries

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