



Medicine Supply Notification

Reference: MSN/2019/005

Procyclidine solution for injection amp 10mg/2ml

Tier 2 – medium impact

Date of issue: 5 November 2019

Summary

- Accord the sole supplier of procyclidine injection in the UK, will be out of stock from early November 2019.
- Anticipated resolution date: March 2020.
- Procyclidine imports are not available.
- An alternative injectable anticholinergic agent, benztropine mesilate (unlicensed), is available from pharmaceutical importers.

Actions Required

Local management plans should be co-ordinated by the Trust Medicines Safety Officer, Pharmacy procurement and a named clinical lead for mental health.

Trust Pharmacy should:

- continue to place orders for procyclidine injection in line with normal demand, while stock remains available at wholesalers, but not stockpile;
- centralise all remaining procyclidine injection stock, including that being held at ward and clinic level and pack down into smaller quantities before re-distributing back to these locations; and
- consider sharing stock locally with the support of the Regional Procurement Specialist.

Medicines Safety Officer and Clinical lead for mental health should:

- draft a plan for a switch to benztropine mesilate, in the event of exhaustion of existing procyclidine injection stock.

Regional Procurement Specialists should:

- support stock sharing between Trusts in their region to ensure equitable distribution of remaining procyclidine injection stock if appropriate.

Supporting Information

- UKMi memo to support local management plans is available on the SPS website <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-procylidine-kemadrin-5mg-ml-injection/>.
- 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)

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