



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2020/009

Penicillamine 125mg and 250mg tablets

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 20/02/2020

Summary

- Penicillamine 125mg tablets are out of stock until late March 2020.
- Limited supplies of penicillamine 250mg tablets are available through hospital pharmacies only.
- Further supplies of penicillamine 250mg tablets for primary care are expected end February 2020.
- Unlicensed imports of penicillamine 125mg and 250mg tablets are available.

Actions Required

- For patients with insufficient supplies during this time, clinicians should consider prescribing unlicensed imports of penicillamine tablets (see advice below).
- Where unlicensed imports are not considered appropriate, please see the UKMi memo for further information (link below).

Supporting Information

- The following specialist importers have currently confirmed availability of unlicensed penicillamine tablets (please note, there may be other companies that can also source supplies):
 - Alium Medical
 - Clinigen
 - Mawdsleys
 - Target Healthcare Ltd
- 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**”.
- For patients in whom unlicensed imports are not considered suitable, please see the following UKMi memo for alternative treatments: <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-penicillamine-125-and-250-mg-tablets/>

Enquiries

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