



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2020/044

Enalapril 20mg tablets (various suppliers)

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 24/07/2020

Summary

- All suppliers of enalapril 20mg tablets are out of stock until early August 2020.
- Alternate strengths of enalapril (2.5mg, 5mg and 10mg) tablets remain available and will be able to support increased demand.
- Unlicensed supplies of enalapril 20mg tablets can be sourced.

Actions Required

Where patients have insufficient supplies to last until the re-supply date, prescribers should:

- work with local pharmacy teams to understand availability of alternative strengths and issue a prescription to make up the required dose of enalapril; or
- consider prescribing unlicensed imports, if supplies of enalapril tablets are unavailable. Prescribers should work with local pharmacy teams to ensure orders are placed within appropriate time frames as lead times may vary (see supporting information).

Supporting information

- The following specialist importers have confirmed they can source unlicensed enalapril 20mg tablets (please note there may be other companies that can also source supplies):
 - Alium Medical
 - Clinigen Group
 - Durbin PLC
 - Mawdsley's Unlicensed
 - Target Healthcare
 - Waymade PLC
- 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 due to a supply issue with the licensed alternative 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.

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>