



Communications Bulletin

7th July 2017

What this bulletin is about	Medicines Bulletin: Shortage of Quetiapine Immediate Release (IR) tablets
Who it is being sent to:	All ward clinical staff, all community team staff, Medicines Management Teams (CCG/CSU), CWP pharmacy team, Lloyds pharmacy at CWP, LPN Chair - Cheshire, Wirral and Warrington, Community Pharmacy Lead at Cheshire and Merseyside Sub Regional Team - NHSE
Action required by you:	Please cascade to relevant staff in your area or staff without regular access to email as soon as possible.

Medicines Management: Availability of Quetiapine Immediate Release (IR) tablets

- There is currently a short term national shortage of quetiapine IR tablets
- We have been notified by North West Regional Specialist Procurement that there are three generic suppliers who still have stock of quetiapine IR tablets available (see overleaf for details). CWP pharmacy is expected to be able to maintain supplies to all inpatient units.
- There is at least one generic supplier for all strengths of quetiapine.
- Whilst there are limited supplies, we foresee no reason that any treatment changes will need to be made as a direct result of the current situation.
- It is suggested that if patients are unable to obtain supplies from their regular pharmacy, pharmacists support patients in finding an alternative supplier.
Patients should not be left without medication.
- For further assistance please contact Claire.White@cwps.nhs.uk or Lisa.Foulkes@cwps.nhs.uk

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Appendix 1.

Table1. Source: Medicine Supply team, Medicines and Pharmacy Directorate, Department of Health & Regional NW Specialist Procurement for Pharmacy

Strength of Quetiapine IR tablets	MA Holder	*Stock Availability
25mg	Milpharm/Aurobindo	Out of stock: no re-supply date
	Teva	Out of stock: next delivery mid-July
	AstraZeneca	Out of stock: next delivery end of June
	Alkem	In stock
	Accord/Actavis	In stock, next delivery early July
100mg	Ennogen	In stock
	Milpharm/Aurobindo	Out of stock until mid-June
	AstraZeneca	Out of stock: next delivery mid-July
	Teva	Out of stock: next delivery mid-July
	Alkem	Out of stock
	Accord/Actavis	In stock, next delivery early August
150mg	Milpharm/Aurobindo	Out of stock
	Teva	Out of stock: next delivery mid-July
	Alkem	In stock
	Accord/Actavis	Out of stock: next delivery early July
200mg	Milpharm/Aurobindo	Out of stock: no resupply date
	AstraZeneca	Out of stock: next delivery early July
	Teva	Out of stock: no return date
	Alkem	Out of stock
	Accord/Actavis	In stock, next delivery mid-July
300mg	Milpharm/Aurobindo	Out of stock until mid-June
	AstraZeneca	Out of stock: next delivery late July
	Teva	Out of stock: next delivery mid-July
	Alkem	Out of stock
	Accord/Actavis	In stock, next delivery early July

Note: *Consilient are also now trying to bring in stock of all strengths in July but dates and quantities still to be confirmed