

DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

Supply Disruption

DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

Sodium chloride 0.9% and water for injection plastic ampoules (5ml, 10ml and 20ml)

PROBLEM

- There are currently shortages of sodium chloride 0.9% plastic ampoules and water for injection plastic ampoules (all sizes) due to manufacturing delays and increased demand.

ALTERNATIVE

- SWB Pharmacy department may have a limited and intermittent supplies of sodium chloride 0.9% plastic ampoules and water for injection plastic ampoules with not all 5ml, 10ml and 20ml sizes being available at all times.
- All staff need to take care when selecting ampoule sizes and ensure they have the correct volume of either sodium chloride 0.9% or water for injection for the task they are undertaking. This may require the use of part of an ampoule or multiple ampoules depending on the sizes available.

ACTIONS

- All clinical staff to be aware of the above information

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT WARD PHARMACIST OR TECHNICIAN
PHARMACY DEPARTMENT: CITY x5263; SANDWELL x3783**

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