

## DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

**DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:**

**Ciprofloxacin 400mg in 200mL solution for injection**

**PROBLEM**

There are limited supplies of some brand of Ciprofloxacin 400mg in 200ml solution for injection until early April 2023.

**ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE**

- Ciprofloxacin IV must be used in line with Trust guidelines and Microbiology advice.
- Use oral ciprofloxacin where possible (consider the [National antimicrobial intravenous-to-oral switch \(IVOS\) guidelines](#))
- Use intravenous levofloxacin where appropriate. Additional intravenous levofloxacin is being purchased to help manage the situation
- Refer to the BNF for full prescribing information for both ciprofloxacin and levofloxacin

**ACTIONS**

- Refer to Microguide and seek advice from microbiology as required
- Be judicious with intravenous ciprofloxacin to preserve stock for patients who require it.
- Ward stocks of intravenous ciprofloxacin will not be affected at this time. However, use will be monitored. Inappropriate use will result in ward stock being withdrawn and further supplies only being made available on a named patient basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT WARD PHARMACIST OR TECHNICIAN  
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