

DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

Ketamine (Unlicensed) Injection

PROBLEM

There is a current shortage of Ketamine (licensed) 200mg in 20ml injection.



There are limited supplies of unlicensed Ketalar (Ketamine) 200mg in 20ml available in the supply chain.

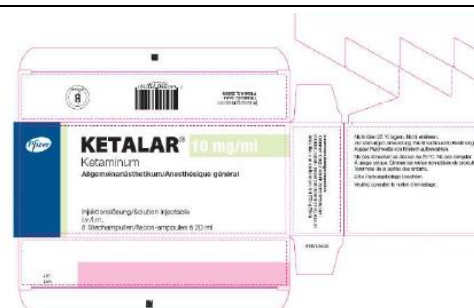
ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE

The unlicensed Ketalar (ketamine) 200mg in 20ml will be made available to non-theatre/non-critical care areas.

There are no significant differences between the unlicensed and licensed products with the exception of appearance and pack size:

	UK Product Ketalar® 10 mg/ml Injection (Ketamine hydrochloride)	Swiss Product Ketalar® 10 mg/ml Injection (Ketamine hydrochloride)
Pack Size	1 vial per pack	5 vials in one single pack. 5 packs in a carton.

Appearance Label		

Outer Carton**ACTIONS**

- Ketamine 500mg in 10ml injection will be kept for use in Theatres and ITU across SWB
- Ketamine 200mg in 20ml injection (Unlicensed) will be reserved for Non-Theatre areas
- This is to reserve stocks and minimise the risk of inadvertent administration of the incorrect strength

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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