# DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

#### DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

# Amiodarone 300mg/10mL Solution for Injection/Infusion Pre-Filled Syringe

#### **ISSUE**

• Amiodarone 300mg/10mL solution for injection/infusion in a 10mL pre-filled syringe is out of stock until early August 2023 at which point normal supply is expected to resume.

## **ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE**

- Amiodarone 150mg/3mL solution for injection ampoules remain available and will be used to support the uplift in demand.
- Please note the difference in strength and form for administration
  - Amiodarone **300mg/10mL** solution is a **pre-filled syringe**.
  - Amiodarone **150mg/3mL** solution for injection are **ampoules**.
- The <u>Medusa Injectable Medicines Guide</u> advises that for IV injection: If amiodarone 300mg/10ml pre-filled syringe is unavailable then, the required dose can be given using two ampoules of 150mg in 3mL (300mg) undiluted or diluted with 10-20mL glucose 5%.
- The Trust resuscitation team have advised for resuscitation in cardiac arrest administer the 300mg undiluted via IV injection.

## ACTIONS

- Remaining supplies of amiodarone 300mg/10ml solution in a pre-filled syringe have been reserved for use in high-risk areas where utilisation of the ampoules is not clinically appropriate.
- For resuscitation in cardiac arrest administer two ampoules of amiodarone 150mg in 3mL undiluted via IV injection. Refer to <u>Medusa</u> for other routes of administration and further guidance.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR WARD PHARMACY TEAM OR THE PHARMACY DEPARTMENT (City ext. 5263; Sandwell ext. 3783)

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