

DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

Lidocaine 1% and 2% with Adrenaline Injection

ISSUE

- Lidocaine 1% with adrenaline 1 in 200,000 injection and Lidocaine 2% with adrenaline is in short supply until December 2023

ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE

- Lidocaine with adrenaline is licensed for regional anaesthesia in adults and children above 12 years of age.
- The following alternatives are available and licensed for the same indication:
 - Bupivacaine 0.25% with adrenaline 1 in 200,000 injection
 - Bupivacaine 0.5% with adrenaline 1 in 200,000 injection
- Unlicensed lidocaine 1% or 2% with adrenaline 1 in 200,000 injection are also available however lead times may vary and the decision to use an unlicensed product must be discussed with a pharmacist
- Due to the fixed dose of adrenaline in the alternative products, clinicians should be aware of the risk of administering a larger dose of adrenaline than intended

ACTIONS

- All clinicians to be aware of the above information and guidance
- Utilise alternative preparations first reserving unlicensed preparations only where a licensed alternative is not clinically appropriate

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

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