

# DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

## **Pabrinex Intravenous High Potency, Concentrate for Solution for Infusion**

### **PROBLEM**

- There is currently a shortage of Pabrinex Intravenous High Potency, Concentrate for Solution for Infusion.
- This is expected to resolve during week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- Limited stock is available in the interim.

### **ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE**

- Limited stock remains available within the Trust.
- Pabrinex is used to prevent Wernicke's encephalopathy / Korsakoff's psychosis in alcohol withdrawal and in those at risk of refeeding syndrome.
- Oral vitamin products are available but not suitable for all patients.

### **ACTIONS**

- Ensure Pabrinex is used in line with Trust guidelines and [the BNF](#).
- Use Pabrinex judiciously to conserve stock for patients with no other treatment options.
  - Review current Pabrinex prescriptions
  - Consider oral thiamine / multivitamins for appropriate patients.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**

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