

DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

POTASSIUM CHLORIDE (SANDO K) 12mmol Effervescent Tablets

PROBLEM

- There is currently no supply of potassium chloride (Sando K) 12mmol effervescent tablets available to order.
- Normal supplies are expected to resolve by the end of December 2023.
- Once current stocks at ward level are exhausted Pharmacy will be unable to resupply.
- Potassium chloride (Sando K) is indicated for the treatment of hypokalaemia in adults, dosing can vary dependent upon the patient's clinical condition and potassium level, but standard dosing is up to 24mmol (2 tablets) TDS

ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE

- Potassium chloride 5mmol in 5ml oral liquid is available and can be used as an alternative option for those patients who require oral potassium replacement.
- Equivalent dosing of oral liquid would be up to 24mmol (24mls) TDS however a pragmatic approach for measuring would be to prescribe in 5ml increments therefore up to 20mmol (20ml) TDS for adult patients.

ACTIONS

- All clinical staff to be aware of the above information and prescribers to confirm whether tablets or liquid are available on the ward before prescribing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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