

DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

Supply Disruption

DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebules

PROBLEM

- Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid is in very limited supply with a resolution date to be confirmed.
- Unlicensed supplies of salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid have been sourced, lead times vary.

ADVICE

Where salbutamol nebules 2.5mg/5ml and 5mg/5ml are unavailable please follow the below order

1. Use unlicensed salbutamol 2.5mg and 5mg nebs – if available
2. Use Terbutaline (Bricanyl) 5mg/2ml nebs in - due to come in this Friday 23/02/24 afternoon to cover only 30 packs.
3. Use Salbutamol MDI via spacer device (spacer with adult mask is available) - 25 puffs = 2.5mg dose.
4. Use Salbutamol IV
5. Use Salbutamol injection via nebuliser - unlicensed - last resort

BTS/SIGN guidance recommends that in patients with mild to moderate asthma attacks, beta2-agonists can be administered by repeated activations of a pressurised metered dose inhaler via an appropriate large volume spacer. In acute-severe or life-threatening asthma, beta2-agonists should be administered by nebulisation.

ACTIONS

- Once licensed has returned do not use unlicensed stock
- Refer to the BNF and BNFc for sull prescribing guidelines

Key Documents

<u>SmPC Salbutamol Nebules</u>	<u>BTS/SIGN guidance on the management of Asthma</u>	<u>BTS guidelines on management if Asthma</u>
<u>BNF - Salbutamol</u>	<u>BNFc - Salbutamol</u>	

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR WARD BASED PHARMACY TEAM
OR
THE PHARAMCY DEPARTEMENT (CITY ext.5263; SANDWELL ext.3783).
OUT OF HOURS CONTACT THE ON-CALL PHARAMCIST**

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