

DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

Supply Shortage

DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

Pabrinex (Vitamins B and C) Intravenous High Potency Solution for injection ampoules

PROBLEM

- Pabrinex® Intravenous (IV) injection is out of stock in Pharmacy and no stock is available from suppliers. Supply is expected to be affected until at least September 2025.
- Pabrinex (Vitamins B and C) *Intramuscular (IM)* High Potency Solution for injection ampoules have been discontinued.
- There are no other licensed parenteral alternatives to Pabrinex® IV injections.

ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE

- Ensure any Pabrinex IV is only being used within national clinical guidelines.
- Thiamine 50mg and 100mg tablets remain available and should be used where clinically appropriate.
- Solivito N powder for concentrate for solution for infusion vials cannot support an uplift in demand.

Note that the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England are convening a clinical reference group of key stakeholders to develop and share additional guidance in due course. Additionally, they are working with importers/ suppliers to source alternative products including unlicensed thiamine injections, further information will be provided once available.

ACTIONS

- All clinicians should urgently review any patients prescribed Pabrinex IV to ensure it is only being used within national clinical guidelines in terms of dose and length of course.
- The aim should be to reduce usage of Pabrinex IV and maintain stocks for essential use only.

KEY DOCUMENTS

- [SPS Shortage of Pabrinex IV](#)
- [SmPC Pabrinex Intravenous High Potency, Concentrate for Solution for Infusion](#)
- [BNF Vitamin B substances with ascorbic acid](#)
- [NICE CG100 Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management of physical complications](#)
- [NICE CG32 Nutrition support for adults: oral nutrition support, enteral tube feeding and parenteral nutrition](#)

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

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