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Re: Hydralazine Hydrochloride (Apresoline®) Injection 20 mg / mL – 1 mL vial [DIN: 00723754]

December 4th, 2018

Dear Valued Customer:

Our stock of Hydralazine Injection is very limited. As such we have to reduce the current allocation at McKesson to 50%. This new **50% allocation** will be reflected via McKesson Canada PharmaClik as of Friday December 7th.

This allocation plan is required to ensure inventory is uniformly distributed across Canada.

We are requesting all hospitals to implement **preservation strategies** as much as possible and consider therapeutic alternatives, if appropriate.

In the event your hospital requires Hydralazine please contact SteriMax's Customer Service department at 1-800-881-3550 or by email at customerservice@sterimaxinc.com.

Sincerely,



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Please note these are provided for clinical information and may not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinician judgment.

Potential alternatives to consider for hypertension and hypertensive emergencies in pregnancy:

1. Labetalol
2. PO Nifedipine capsules or Nifedipine Intermediate-release tablets
3. PO Hydralazine
4. Nitroprusside
5. Diazoxide

Potential alternatives to consider for hypertensive crisis include:

- ii. Labetalol
- iii. Nitroglycerin
- iv. Nitroprusside
- v. Enalaprilat
- vi. Esmolol

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