

Drug Supply Alert

Ministry of Health and Long – Term Care | Ontario Public Drug Programs Division |
Drug Programs Delivery Branch

Status

- The ministry has received the attached communications on the supply status of **Etoposide from Teva Canada Limited** and **Erwinase from Jazz Pharmaceuticals**.
- Teva Canada Limited is expecting re-supplies (inbound) of Canadian Etoposide for the 5mL vials in June 2019 and for the 10mL and 25mL vials in July 2019. Timelines and quantities are subject to change.
- Jazz Pharmaceuticals expects that inventory from available batches for Erwinase will be depleted quickly due to the ongoing supply shortages and limited product availability. The company expects multiple batches to be released by Porton Biopharma Limited (PBL) over the next 2 quarters; however due to strong demand with the introduction of a new batch, Jazz Pharmaceuticals will continue to anticipate that stock outs will occur following each batch.

Approach

- Please ensure that you read and circulate the attached information to address the potential impacts to your facility and to avoid and / or minimize patient impacts that may result from this supply interruption.
- Please disseminate the attachment (s) to health system partners.

Resources

- **Drug Shortages Canada Website:** As of March 14, 2017, regulations require drug manufacturers to publicly report drug shortages and product discontinuations. Specifically, manufacturers must report an anticipated drug shortage, a discontinuation of a drug six months in advance, and any previously unreported shortage within five days of learning about it. This information will be reported on the Drug Shortages Canada website at: <https://www.drugshortagescanada.ca>.
- **Ontario's Drug Stock Monitoring:** <https://extra.sse.gov.on.ca/sites/mohltc-odsm/SitePages/MOH.aspx>
- **Ethical Framework for Resource Allocation During the Drug Supply Shortage:**

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/supply/docs/ethical_framework.pdf

- **Drug Shortages, A Guide for Assessment and Patient Management. Canadian Pharmacists Association:** <http://www.pharmacists.ca/cpha-ca/assets/File/cpha-on-the-issues/DrugShortagesGuide.pdf>
 - **Drug Shortages and Medication Safety Concerns, The Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada Safety Bulletin:** https://www.ismp-canada.org/download/safetyBulletins/2012/ISMPCSB2012-03_Drug_Shortages.pdf
 - **Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee on Drug Shortages Toolkit:** https://www.drugshortagescanada.ca/files/MSSC_Toolkit_2017.pdf
 - **Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee on Drug Shortages Protocol:** https://www.drugshortagescanada.ca/files/MSSC_Protocol_2017.pdf
 - **World Health Organization Model List of Essential Medicines:** http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/essentialmedicines/20th_EML2017.pdf?ua=1
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