



6 August 2021

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Tuberculosis (TB) oral agents**

**Priority: Level 2\***  
**Valid until: See table**

#### **Issue**

1. A number of TB medicines have been impacted by supply issues.
2. Please see the table in the 'Additional Information' section for the latest stock positions, suggested management plans and anticipated dates for re-supply for impacted products.

#### **Advice and Actions**

3. Pharmacy procurement and clinical teams (including prescribers, TB nurses and clinicians) should work together to ensure that:
  - stock holding of TB agents is reviewed regularly;
  - alternatives, as advised in the summary table, are ordered for the products that are in short supply;
  - prescriptions are amended in cases where the usual/preferred product is unavailable so that treatment is not delayed or interrupted;
  - Boards do not implement management plans that are not in line with the advice given within this document as that may precipitate further out of stock periods;
  - patients are appropriately counselled about changes to their usual/expected medication; and

#### **Additional Information**

4. Please note that the information outlined in the next page is correct on day of publication but may be subject to change.

Product	Supplier	Current stock position	Anticipated re-supply date	Suggested management plan
Rifampicin 150mg capsules	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
	Mylan	In stock		
Rifampicin 300mg capsules	Sanofi	In stock		
	Sandoz	In stock		
	Mylan	In stock		
	DrugsRUs	In stock		
Rifampicin 100mg/5ml syrup	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
Ethambutol 100mg tablets	Morningside	In stock		n/a
	Thornton & Ross	In stock		
	Kent	In stock		
	Intrapharm	In stock		
Ethambutol 400mg tablets	Kent	In stock		n/a
	Thornton & Ross	In stock		
	Intrapharm	In stock		
	Morningside	In stock		
Pyrazinamide 500mg tablets	Thornton & Ross	In stock		n/a
	Macleod's	In stock		
	Morningside	In stock		
Isoniazid 50mg tablets	RPH Pharmaceuticals	In stock		n/a
Isoniazid 100mg tablets	Morningside	Out of stock	Late September 2021	Purchase off contract to meet patient need until re-supply.
	RPH Pharmaceuticals	In stock		
Rifinah <sup>®</sup> 150 tablets (rifampicin 150mg/isoniazid 100mg)	Sanofi	In stock		n/a
Rifinah <sup>®</sup> 300 tablets (rifampicin 300mg/isoniazid 150mg)	Sanofi	Low stock	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Sanofi stock still remains in some depots. Prescribe/dispense as individual ingredients to meet immediate patient need until resupply, do not double up on Rifinah <sup>®</sup> 150 tablets.
	DrugsRUs (Parallel Import)	Out of stock	w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	
Rifater <sup>®</sup> tablets (rifampicin 120mg/pyrazinamide 300mg/isoniazid 50mg)	Sanofi	Out of stock	Mid-October 2021	Once the DrugsRUs stock has been depleted prescribe/dispense as individual ingredients to meet patient need until re-supply. Do NOT switch patients to Voractiv <sup>®</sup> .
	DrugsRUs (Parallel Import)	Low stock	TBC	
Voractiv <sup>®</sup> tablets	Thornton & Ross	In stock		n/a

## **Enquiries**

5. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to [PharmacyTeam@gov.scot](mailto:PharmacyTeam@gov.scot) (primary care) or [NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot](mailto:NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot) (secondary care).