

Baxter Mini-Bag National Shortage

50 and 100 mL Dextrose 5% injection and Sodium Chloride 0.9% injection

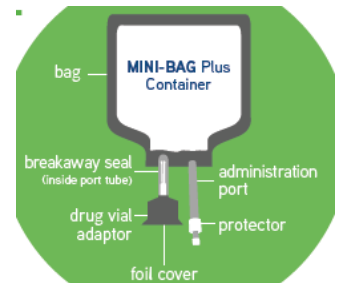
The issue: Baxter Canada's mini-bags are supplied by several plants in Puerto Rico which were damaged from Hurricane Maria. Other mini-bag vendors are unable to provide supplies.

NH Supply Levels: Baxter's 50 and 100 mL D5W and NS mini-bags are in short supply and inventories are being depleted in BC Clinical Shared Service (BCCSS) warehouses.

NH warehouses have approximately 3 weeks of 50 and 100 mL NS mini-bags in stock and 6 weeks of 50 and 100 mL D5W mini-bags in stock. We are expecting to receive 70-80% of NH's usual amounts.

Practice Implications*: Patient care areas need to reduce use of 50 and 100 mL D5W and NS mini-bags to prevent stocking out. The following conservation measures are needed:

1. Mini-bags should be reserved for administering parenteral medications.
2. Use MINI-BAG Plus containers in place of mini-bags where clinically appropriate and in patient care locations where they are stocked (see illustration).
3. If clinically appropriate, choose D5W mini-bags instead of NS mini-bags.
4. Consult the prescriber regarding stepping down patients from parenteral to oral medications where possible. Consult pharmacy if you have questions regarding IV to PO stepdown.
5. Consider administering intravenous medications by IV direct route and [consult the NH Parenteral Drug Administration Manual](#) before administering:



ceFAZolin
cefTRIAxone
furosemide (doses up to 120 mg)

ceftAXime
cefUROXime
metoclopramide

ceftAZIDime
dimenhyDRINATE
ranitidine

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