



## DRUG FORM DISCONTINUATION

Erythromycin suspension –  
All salts, all strengths

### The issue:

- Recently, erythromycin estolate suspension, both strengths, has been discontinued.
- There no longer are any erythromycin suspension products, of any salt/strength, available on the Canadian market.

### Implications for Practice:

- Physicians should be aware there are no erythromycin suspensions available in Canada
- Other: erythromycin tablets remain available

### Possible alternatives\*

- Other macrolide\* suspensions:  
azithromycin, clarithromycin
- For other antimicrobial\* suspension alternates available on the NH hospital formulary, refer to the Our NH formulary site:  
<https://ournh.northernhealth.ca/ClinicalPatientCare/Medications/formulary/Pages/FormularySearch.aspx?category=therapeutic%20class&context=starts%20with&keyword=antibiotic>

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Best Practice	
Drug Form Discontinuation	✓
Label Change	
Medication Change	
Recall	
Vendor Change	
Drug Shortage	
Formulary Changes	

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