



National Drug Shortage

Nabilone capsules – all strengths, all brands

The issue:

Nabilone capsules, all brands and all strengths (0.25 mg, 0.5 mg and 1 mg) are on backorder due to a shortage of active ingredient for production!

Anticipated Availability: End of November 2017

NH Stock Status:

- NH currently has under 30 days supply of the 1 mg capsules on hand, and slightly more of the other strengths.

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this drug shortage and the possibility that NH stock may deplete prior to the resolution of this backorder.
- The use of alternates* should be considered where possible to conserve existing supplies.
- For current patients, consider trial of decreased nabilone dose to assess for lowest effective dose to help conserve existing supplies

Possible Alternatives* :

- metoclopramide
- haloperidol
- dimenhydrinate
- prochlorperazine
- lorazepam

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