



NS and SWFI Vial Shortage Resolved

The issue:

The national shortage of Sodium Chloride 0.9% (NS) and Sterile Water for Injection (SWFI) 10 mL vials/polyampules is now resolved.

NH stock status:

Inventories of NS and SWFI 10 mL vials/polyampules are improving in Northern Health warehouses and supplies are no longer at risk.

General Stores will resume the distribution of NS and SWFI 10 mL vials/polyampules to patient care areas over the next week.

SWFI 2 mL polyampules will be removed from patient care areas with stock when SWFI 10 mL vials/polyampules are being supplied.

Practice Implications:

The following conservations are **NO LONGER** in place:

1. The reserving SWFI for reconstituting medications that can only be reconstituted with SWFI. **WE CAN NOW USE** the diluent(s) specified in the [Parenteral Drug Administration Manual](#) (PDAM).
2. The use of NS minibags for dilution of medications. **WE CAN NOW USE NS** vials/polyampules to dilute medications as per the PDAM.

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Drug Discontinuation	
Medication Change	
Recall	
Drug Shortage Resolution	✓
Formulary Changes	

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