

# BUPIVACAINE UPDATE

## National Drug Shortage & Contract Change Information

### Drug Shortage Update:

- Bupivacaine HCl 0.25% and 0.5% injection 20 mL vials are no longer on backorder.
- Bupivacaine HCl 0.25% and 0.5% with EPINEPHrine 1:200,000 injection 20 mL vials remains on backorder. Supplies should become available over the next several weeks.

### Drug Contract Changes:

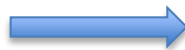
- National hospital pharmaceutical contracts now list bupivacaine HCl 0.25% and 0.5% 10 mL and 20 mL vials will be supplied by Sterimax (see product image below of bupivacaine 0.25% x 20 mL vial).
- National hospital pharmaceutical contracts now list bupivacaine HCl 0.25% and 0.5% with EPINEPHrine and 20 mL vial will be supplied by Aspen Pharma.

### Practice Implications:

In consultation with the Department of Anesthesia, NH pharmacy continues to restrict current wardstock of bupivacaine HCl 0.25% and 0.5% with EPINEPHrine 1:200,000 injection 20 mL vials to Anesthesia accessible locations (e.g. O.R. and Labour & Delivery) in order to conserve product for Anesthetist use and delay the need to compound this product from its component parts. When supplies become available this restriction will be lifted.

Old Pfizer/Hospira Bupivacaine Product

New Sterimax Bupivacaine Product



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