

<u>The issue:</u> Sodium tetradecyl sulfate 1% and 3% expired at the end of October 2018 and the Health Canada approval to extend the expiration date was rescinded today.

Anticipate Availability: As early as next week for a limited release of the 3% product and December/January 2019 for 1% product and additional 3% stock.

<u>NH stock status</u>: NH does not have *any* stock in good dating due to product that expired at the end of October 2018 and retraction of the Health Canada expiry extension. *There will be access to a limited quantity of the sodium tetracyl sulfate 3% product next week*; however, the 1% strength won't be available until December.

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this shortage
- The use of alternative options should be considered whenever possible
- Limited amounts of sodium tetradecyl sulfate 3% should be available next week for those practitioners that can utilize this strength
- Destroy all stock with original October 2018 expiry dating (that was later extended by one year) as this extension is no longer valid

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For the information of physicians, nurses and pharmacists

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