



Drug Shortage: **UPDATE**

Calcitriol 1 mcg/mL Injection

The Issue: Calcitriol 1 mcg/mL injection remains on back order from the sole vendor in Canada. NH has a remaining supply of approximately 1 week based on historical use and will likely stock out before more supply is available.

Anticipated Availability: Mid December 2019.

Practice Implications:

- Calcitriol 1 mcg/mL injection is a vitamin D analog indicated for treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in patients with chronic kidney disease.
- Clinicians should be aware of the shortage and potential alternatives, and reassess patients currently on IV treatment with calcitriol for step down to oral formulations.

Potential Alternatives:**

- Oral calcitriol (0.25 mcg and 0.5 mcg capsules)
- Oral alfacalcidol (0.25 mcg and 1 mcg capsules)

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