



## Drug Shortage

# Cosyntropin zinc (Synacthen Depot)

## 1 mg/mL x 1 mL ampoule

**The Issue:** Cosyntropin zinc (Synacthen Depot) 1 mg/mL x 1 mL ampoule is on backorder and stock is expiring at the end of February 2019.

**Anticipated Availability:** July 2019

**Clinical Use:** Diagnostic use for investigation of adrenocortical insufficiency and therapeutic use for collagen, dermatologic, endocrine, eye, hemolytic and other diseases. For intramuscular injection only.

**Practice Implications:** NH will stock out when the product expires. Supplies are not available from the vendor until the shortage is resolved.

**Potential Alternatives:**\*\*Cosyntropin (Cortrosyn) 0.25 mg (250 mcg) vial is stocked in NH and is indicated for use as a diagnostic agent in the screening of patients presumed to have adrenocortical insufficiency.

Cosyntropin (Cortrosyn) 0.25 mg vial may be administered intramuscularly, as a direct intravenous injection and by intravenous infusion. **Please refer to the Cosyntropin (Cortrosyn) [PDAM](#) for administration and adrenal stimulation test dosing information.**

If cosyntropin zinc (Synacthen Depot) 1 mg/mL x 1 mL is needed for a prolonged multiday adrenal function test please contact the pharmacy.

<b>February 27, 2019</b> <b>For the information of physicians, nurses and pharmacists</b> <b>PLEASE POST</b>	<b>Drug Shortage</b>	✓	<b>For further information contact:</b> Medication Use Management Pharmacists Gordon Harper (778-349-3216) Jessica Brecknock (250-267-5940) mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca
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