



Drug Shortage and Product Change:

Poster #2 of 2: All Wardstock Locations

Dextrose 50% X 50 mL Vials and PFS



UPDATE: The LifeShield® and Ansyr® dextrose 50% pre-filled syringe (PFS) products from Pfizer® are now both on backorder. In order to conserve the PFS for crash carts and hypoglycemia kits, the dextrose 50% X 50 mL vials will be supplied to all wardstock locations.

Clinical Use: Dextrose 50% x 50 mL PFS are usually stocked in crash carts and wardstock locations across Northern Health for treatment of hypoglycemia.

Practice Implications: The current stock of dextrose 50% X 50 mL PFS is now reserved for crash carts and hypoglycemia kits. In all other wardstock locations, units will be supplied the alternative dosage format – dextrose 50% X 50 mL VIALS. Since the vials are not in the ready-to-use format, staff should familiarize themselves with using the vial in an urgent situation (e.g. technique, location of required needles and syringes).

Note: Staff may see both the PFS and vial formats within a site during the shortage period, depending on the area. These are the same concentration and volume, in different formats. Please refer to the crash kit/hypoglycemia kit poster #1 regarding the dextrose 50% PFS stock.

Product Comparison:

Current 50 mL PFS	Alternative 50 mL VIAL
Dextrose 50% X 50 mL PFS	Dextrose 50% X 50 mL VIAL
	

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