

Drug Shortage and Product Change:

Poster #1 of 2: Crash Carts and Hypoglycemia Kits

Dextrose 50% X 50 mL PFS





UPDATE: The LifeShield® dextrose 50% x 50 mL pre-filled syringe (PFS) products from Pfizer® are on backorder with an expected resupply date of late September 2019. The alternate needle-less product is now on backorder as well; however, NH has approximately 7 weeks of PFS stock with conservation measures.

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

Practice Implications: Crash carts and hypoglycemia kits will be stocked with the alternative needle-less Ansyr® PFS product (see below) during the shortage. This product is the *same concentration and volume* as the LifeShield® PFS; however, the Ansyr® PFS is needle-less with a luer lock tip that is compatible with all IV systems. A backorder notice card will be placed in each cart or kit containing the new Ansyr® product.

Note: Staff may see both the PFS and vial formats within a site during the shortage period, depending on the area. Please refer to poster # 2 regarding dextrose 50% vials for wardstock locations.

Product Comparison:

Current (LifeShield™) 50 mL PFS	Alternative (Ansyr™) 50 mL PFS
Dextrose 50% X 50 mL PFS	Dextrose 50% X 50 mL PFS
NEEDLE administration	NEEDLE-LESS administration
 	 

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