



Lidocaine HCl 2% Topical Jelly X 30 mL tube

The Issue: Numerous lots of lidocaine hydrochloride 2% topical jelly X 30 mL sterile tubes have been recalled from Aspen Pharma due to a potential for foreign particle in the tube.





Anticipated Availability: A new lot is expected in January 2020.

Clinical Use: Topical lidocaine jelly is used in various procedures to achieve surface anesthesia (e.g. male and female urological procedures, endoscopic procedures, proctoscopy, rectoscopy).

Practice Implications: Nearly all stock in NH has been affected and removed from the wards. Clinicians should be aware of this shortage and the differences in the suggested alternative.

Potential Alternatives*:

- lidocaine 10 mg/metered dose topical spray for endotracheal/respiratory tract procedures
- lidocaine 2% topical jelly X 10 mL pre-filled syringe (PFS) (primary use in Urology):

Lidocaine 2% Jelly X 30 mL Tube	Lidocaine 2% Jelly X 10 mL PFS
Sterile, with preservatives	Sterile, preservative-free, single-use *plastic cap must be removed prior to use*
 	 
<p>Note: Both products have the same indications in product monograph from Aspen Pharma.</p>	

<p>December 17, 2019 For the information of physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. PLEASE POST</p>	<p>Drug Shortage</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>For further information contact: Jessica Brecknock or Ryan Doerksen Medication Use Management Pharmacists mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca</p>
	<p>Drug Discontinuation</p>		
	<p>Medication Change</p>		
	<p>Best Practice</p>		

*Alternates are provided for clinician information and may not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinical judgment.