



## Drug Shortage & Expired Stock:

### Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine) Injection 100 mg/mL x 30 mL

**The issue:** All NH stock of vitamin B6 (pyridoxine) 100 mg/mL x 30 mL vials are expiring on July 31, 2019. The sole source vendor has indicated that new stock will be available in mid-August 2019.

**NH stock status:** Vitamin B6 100 mg/mL x 30 mL vials are stocked in NH hospitals and health centres to treat neurological toxicities caused by isoniazid overdose as per BC Drug and Poison Control Information Centre's (BC DPIC) recommendations.

**BC Drug and Poison Control Information Centre is recommending,** to BC hospitals who carry vitamin B6 100 mg/mL x 30 mL vials, to **not discard expired stock, keep stock in current locations, and in the rare event it is needed, to use until the vendor is able to supply.**

Clinicians can call BC DPIC if they have any questions regarding using expired vitamin B6 vials at 1-800-567-8911.

<b>July 26, 2019</b> For the information of physicians, nurses and pharmacists <b>PLEASE POST</b>	<b>Drug Shortage</b>	✓	<b>For further information contact:</b> NH Medication Use Management Pharmacists: Jessica Brecknock (250-267-5940) Ryan Doerksen (778-349-5108) <a href="mailto:mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca">mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca</a>
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	Best Practice		
	Recall		
	Label Change		