



Propofol 1% X 50mL and 100mL Vials

The issue:

In an effort to conserve existing large vial formats for use in intensive care due to supply concerns, NH pharmacy services had previously recommended that operating rooms move to exclusively using propofol 1% X 20 mL vials for anesthesia. Over the past several weeks, availability of the larger vials (50 mL and 100 mL) has improved significantly and pharmacy has obtained a sufficient, ongoing supply.

Practice Implications:

NH pharmacy continues to recommend that 20 mL vials be used where clinically appropriate in order to reduce waste as much as possible; however, NH operating rooms can now return to stocking larger vial formats of propofol 1% as desired. Regional pharmacy teams will work with local operating rooms to reinstate the larger vials as wardstock.

NH pharmacy services will promptly institute and communicate any changes with regard to propofol inventory status should there be any further supply chain disruptions that would dictate a need to return to conserving large vial formats for use in intensive care.

Thank you to NH staff and physicians for your collaboration on conserving our propofol supply over the past several months.

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