



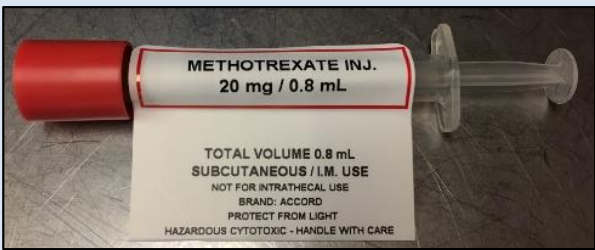

## Product Change Notice

# methotrexate pre-filled syringes (PFS) for ectopic pregnancy

**The Change:** Due to provincial changes in hazardous drug handling, NH is changing to methotrexate PFS formats for ectopic pregnancy treatment. This change enables staff to provide a ready-to-administer dose of methotrexate. Under advisement of NH Obstetricians/Gynecologists and Perinatal Service Network, the following sites will stock a regular supply of syringes: UHNBC, GRB, MMH, FSJ, and DCDH/PRRH (once OB-GYN recruitment complete).

**Practice Implications:**

- Emergency Departments at above sites will be provided a methotrexate kit from pharmacy. Contact your local pharmacy to determine where this kit will be located in the unit.
- Clinicians should refer to the methotrexate dose banding chart located in the [NH Parenteral Drug Administration Manual \(PDAM\)](#) to ensure the dose is rounded to the nearest available PFS
- Do not administer partial doses from PFS or change PFS contents – ensure dose is aligned with dose banding chart.
- Clinicians will be required to follow NH hazardous drug handling precautions as outlined in current policies and procedures on [OurNH](#) (e.g. required PPE, proper disposal, patient precautionary period) and each department is responsible for ensuring the proper supplies are available

<b>Methotrexate Kit Contents</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• list of methotrexate PFS strengths (including flex-dose syringes)</li> <li>• copy of NH PDAM methotrexate dose banding chart (refer to online PDAM for most recent version)</li> <li>• reference to hazardous drug policy and procedure</li> <li>• rigid container holding all contents</li> </ul>	
Example of methotrexate PFS:	Example of methotrexate kit:
	

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