



Clindamycin Ready-to-Use Bags

The Issue: Due to ongoing supply issues with clindamycin vials (both the Sandoz preservative-free vials and Pfizer vials WITH preservative), NH pharmacy has brought in two ready-to-use products which will likely become routinely stocked going forward:



- clindamycin 12 mg/mL X 50 mL bag (600 mg/50 mL; preservative-free in D5W)
- clindamycin 18 mg/mL X 50 mL bag (900 mg/50 mL; preservative-free in D5W)

The Sandoz preservative-free clindamycin 150 mg/mL X 2 mL vials will be intermittently available; however, expiry dating may be poor. When available, these vials will be provided to prepare doses for neonates.

Clinical Use: antibiotic for treatment of infections caused by susceptible organisms

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this product change. Staff may see both formats (vials and bags) in circulation until sites stock out of the vials.
- **Clinical Reminders:**
 - Clinicians should only use injectable clindamycin when absolutely necessary, for example:
 - for rapidly progressive skin and soft tissue infections
 - as an alternate agent for patients with severe cephalosporin allergy
 - **Note:** ceFAZolin can safely be used in patients with penicillin allergy as it does not have a similar side chain as any other beta-lactam antibiotic
 - Oral clindamycin should be used whenever clinically appropriate as it has very high oral bioavailability.

Old Product:	New Products:
Clindamycin 150 mg/mL X 4 mL Vials (WITH preservative; Pfizer)	Clindamycin 12 mg/mL X 50 mL bags (600 mg/50 mL D5W) Clindamycin 18 mg/mL X 50 mL bags (900 mg/50 mL D5W) (preservative-free; Sandoz and Baxter)
	

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