



Discontinued Drug

Betamethasone 0.05 mg/mL X 100 mL Rectal Enema

Issue: betamethasone 0.05 mg/mL X 100 mL rectal enemas have been discontinued from the sole source vendor in Canada.

Use of this product in NH is very low across all facilities. Current inventory will expire shortly and will not be replaced once depleted.

Implications for Practice: **Low**

Potential Formulary Alternatives*:

- inflammatory bowel disease:
 - *5-aminosalicylic acid rectal enemas, suppositories, and oral tablets*
 - *sulfasalazine oral tablets*
 - *oral and injectable corticosteroids*

Date: September 16, 2022

Drug Shortage Resolution	
Drug Discontinuation	√
Medication Change	
Best Practice	

For the information of physicians, nurses and pharmacists.

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