



EPINEPHrine 1 mg/10 mL Pre-Filled Syringes

The issue: EPINEPHrine 1 mg/10 mL pre-filled syringes (PFS) are in short supply from the sole source vendor in Canada (Pfizer) and likely to go on backorder soon. NH has approximately 5 to 6 weeks of stock in pharmacies and available as wardstock.

Estimated Availability: mid-late April 2022

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of this drug shortage.
- Wherever possible, sites should reserve EPINEPHrine 1 mg/10 mL PFS for use in crash kits/carts.
- EPINEPHrine 1 mg/mL ampoules remain available ***note different concentration – must be diluted prior to administration***
 - Refer to NH Parenteral Drug Administration [monograph](#) for dilution and administration info as needed.

Potential Alternatives*:

- EPINEPHrine 1 mg/mL ampoules (see above)

Note: [EPINEPHrine is a high risk/high alert medication requiring an independent double check](#)

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*Alternatives are provided for clinician information and may not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinical judgment.