



Fluorescein Ophthalmic Products (strips and drops/minims)

The Issue: fluorescein ophthalmic products (1 mg strips and 2% drops, unit dose minims) remain only intermittently available. Supply of the fluorescein 2% minims is low at most NH sites; however, the fluorescein 1 mg strips are currently in good supply. NH pharmacy continues working to have a supply of at least one of these two products available at all times.

Anticipated Availability: July 2022 (2% minims); intermittent supply available ongoing for the 1 mg strips

Practice Implications:

- Clinicians should be aware of these shortages and intermittent availability of the alternative options.

Potential Alternatives*:

- *Product availability may differ depending on NH facility:*
 - Fluorescein 2% ophthalmic drops, unit dose minims
 - Fluorescein 1 mg ophthalmic strips

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